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THE STORY SO FAR...

Sieg accepts **Haja's** invitation to fight, and after a battle that literally takes a week, Seig finally delivers the knockout blow, ensuring the safety of Mildian's citizens. Meanwhile, while **Haru's** body continues to heal from his use of the powerful sword **Sacrifar**, **Griff** and **Plue** are facing off against **Elie** and **Lazenby** in a dance competition. But when an assassin attempts to kill one of the participating dancers (who also happens to be a member of the **Oracion Six**), **Musica** vows to stop her by any means necessary...

LOVE BELIEVER
STAR MEMORY
SUPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

THE RAVE MASTER™ CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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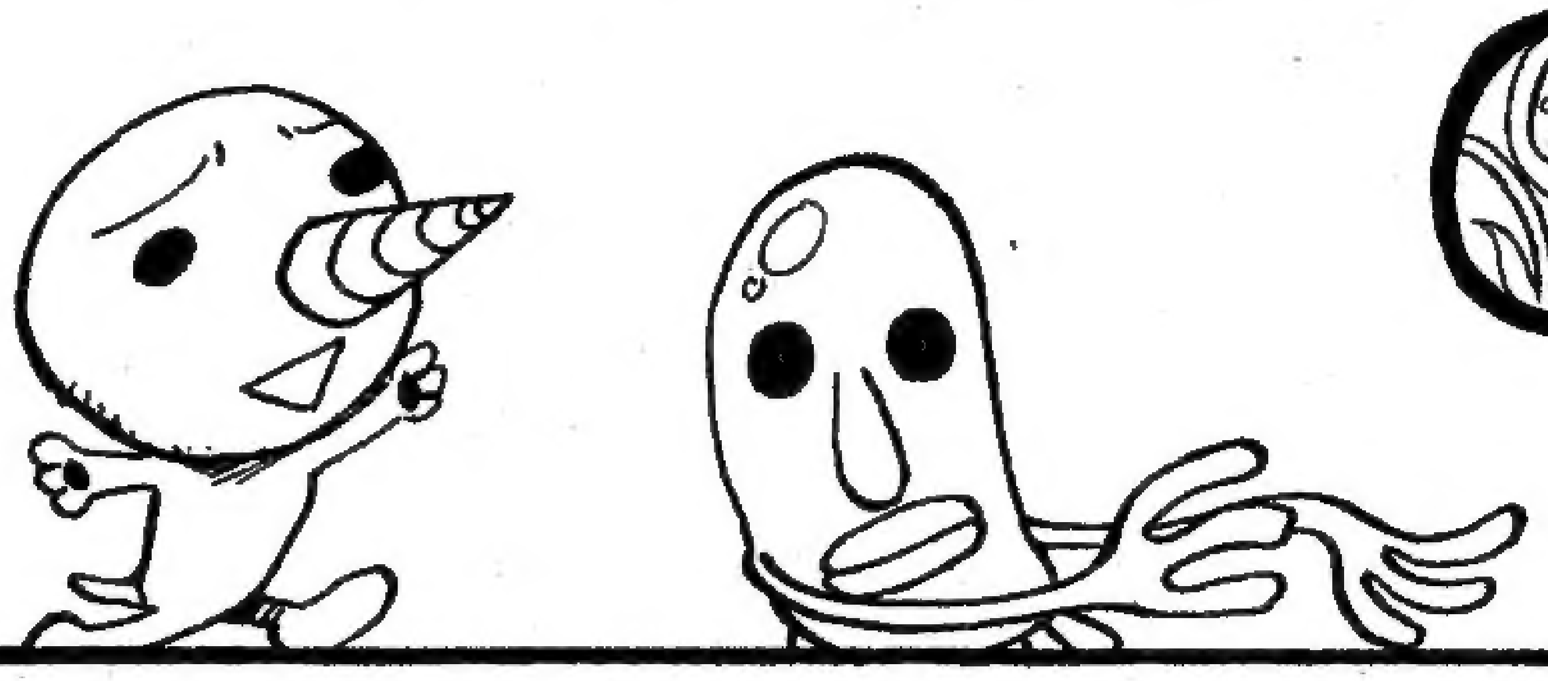

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RAVE MASTER™
LES IN PIA
LOVE
Don't touch!!

RAVE:183 ✚ A LONELY STEP

NNNNNNNGH!!
ぶり ぶり
ぶり ぶり
NYOOOO!!
LAZENBY, ARE YOU OKAY?
ぶり ぶり ぶぱっ
M-Mistress Elie...? Wh-what of the... contest...
PLUE'S PAIR IS AHEAD WITH 71 POINTS?
Excellent... please change!
I...shall... be...there!
NYOOOOO!!
EW...
ぶり ぶり
ぶり ぶり
THIS SUCKS.
Phew!

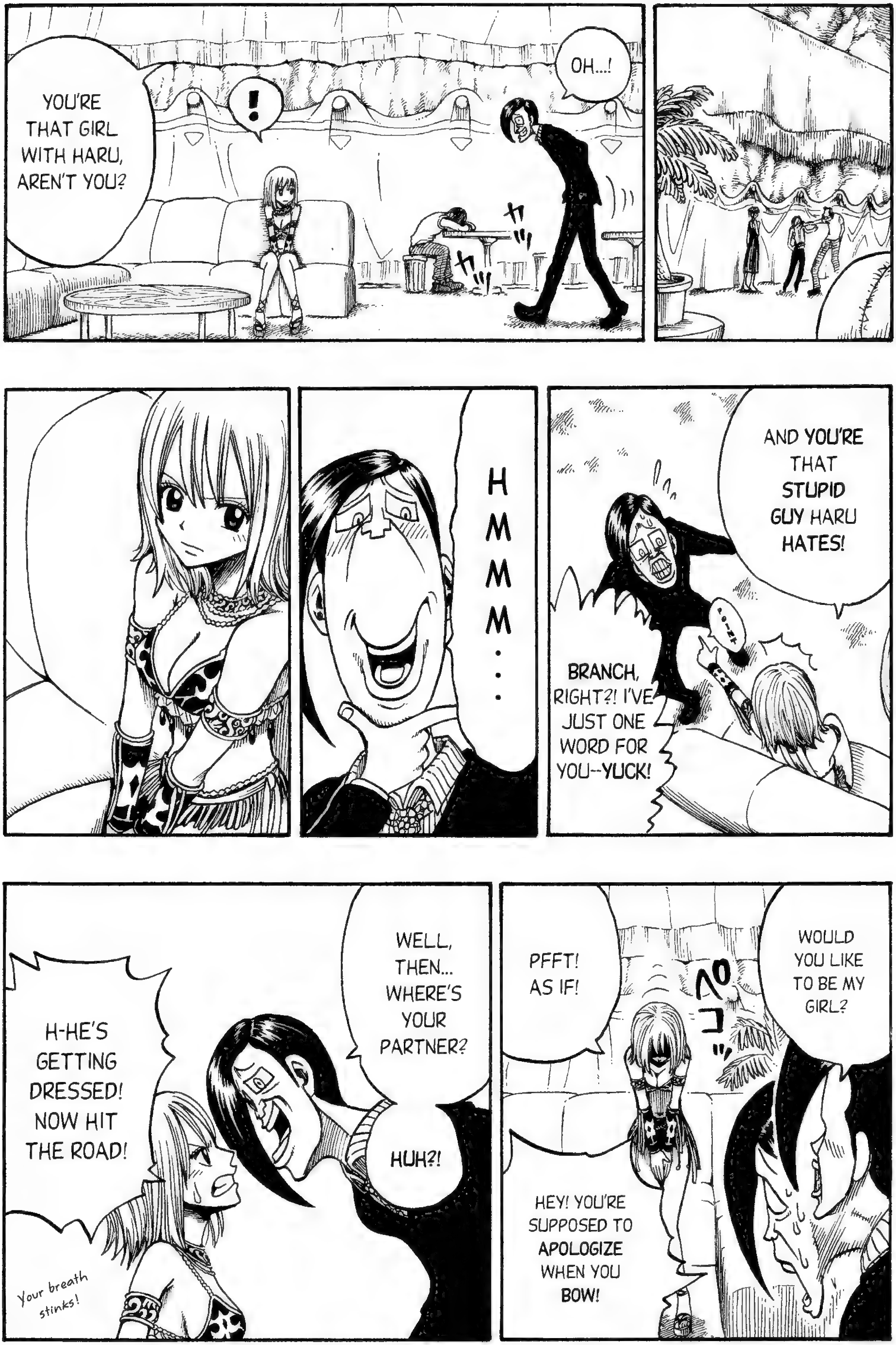
TOILET
HEH HEH... LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OH—!! MIKA-BABY!! ♡
くるっ
IT'S ALMOST TIME. GET MOVING.
MY, MY...!
HOW BEAUTIFUL!!
IT SUITS YOU, MY DEAR. ♡
WE CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME IF WE WANT TO WIN.
OF COURSE, MIKA-BABY! THIS IS PURE JOY!

Luv-Dubs
96 Points--
Current Leaders
AND THE LUV-DUBS EARN A WHOPPING 96 POINTS!
I DIDN'T EXPECT **THAT**.
SON OF A...
THEY'VE JUST DANCED THEIR WAY INTO FIRST PLACE, FAR BEYOND THE WILD ANIMALS' 71!
WHAT AN **AMAZING** ROUTINE!
ONE MORE ROUND FOR THE LUV-DUBS, FOLKS!

DON'T FREAK OUT, SHUDA. THERE'S STILL ELIE.
NNGH...
YEAH, POYO! COUNT ON ELIE, POYO!
MAN...AND WHERE THE HECK DID MUSICA RUN OFF TO?
HA HA HA! WE WERE PERFECT, MY TINKLE-TOED TART!
I SHOULD SEND MY REGRETS TO SIR IULIUS FOR BEATING HIM.
I WONDER.
S-SIR!!
SIR... WHAT IS THAT?
AH, BRANCH... SAY HELLO TO MY PARTNER...
...FRANCOISE.
THAT'S A TOY!

I'LL GO AHEAD AND CHANGE.
!
ALL RIGHT.
YOU...
WAIT A MOMENT.
YOU HAVE A MOLE IN THE SAME PLACE I DO.
OUR SHARED BEAUTY MAKES YOU EVEN MORE LOVELY. COME...SMILE.
E-EXCUSE ME...
ゴッ
YOUR GIRLFRIEND LACKS GRACE. PERHAPS SHE IS TOO DISTRACTED BY MY BEAUTY, HMM?
SHE'S, ER, NOT MY GIRLFRIEND, SIR. I JUST INVITED HER TO THE DANCE CONTEST.
BUT I ASSUME WE'LL DATE SOON.

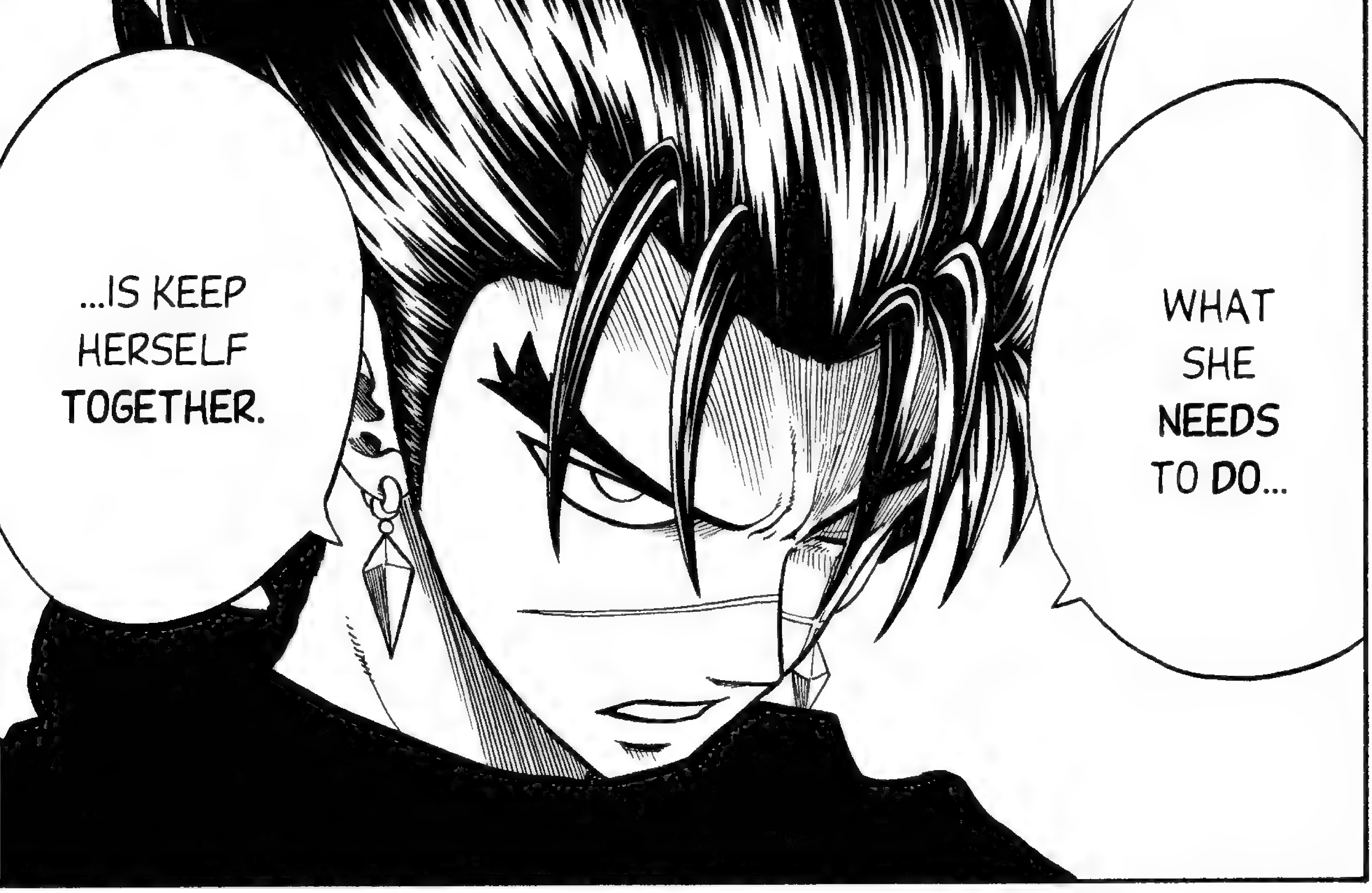
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS THING?
ドフューー
YOU LOOK... DIVINE.
Puun!!
BUT IT'S SO EMBARRASSING!
IT'S WORSE THAN BEING NAKED.
W-WELL... THEN BY ALL MEANS!
んふんふ
んふんふ
ヒラ
LAZENBY'S NOT OUT OF THE BATHROOM YET.
WE'LL INFORM MASTER SHUDA OF THE SITUATION.
すたたたっ
プルル
Puun!!
JEEZ! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG, MR. HERO?!
Pooping.
ぶりっ
ぶりっ

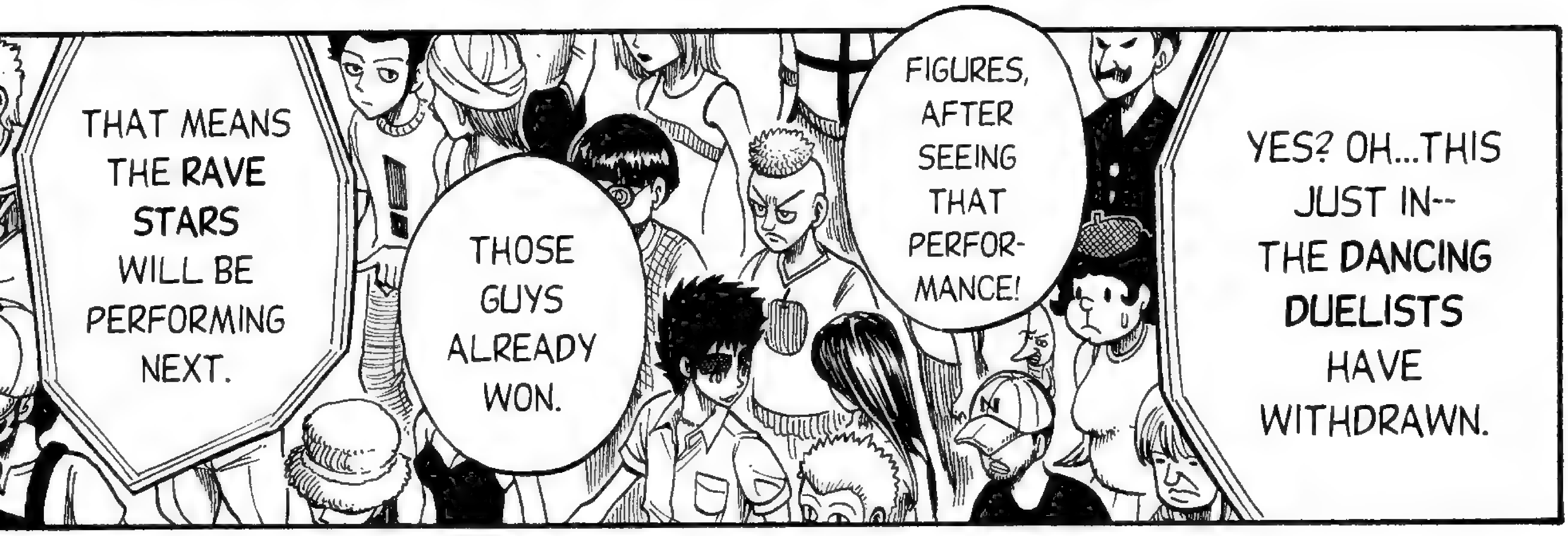

OH...!
!
YOU'RE THAT GIRL WITH HARU, AREN'T YOU?
カッ カッ
AND YOU'RE THAT STUPID GUY HARU HATES!
BRANCH, RIGHT?! I'VE JUST ONE WORD FOR YOU--YUCK!
HMMM...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY GIRL?
PFFT! AS IF!
ペコッ
HEY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU BOW!
WELL, THEN... WHERE'S YOUR PARTNER?
HUH?!
H-HE'S GETTING DRESSED! NOW HIT THE ROAD!
Your breath stinks!

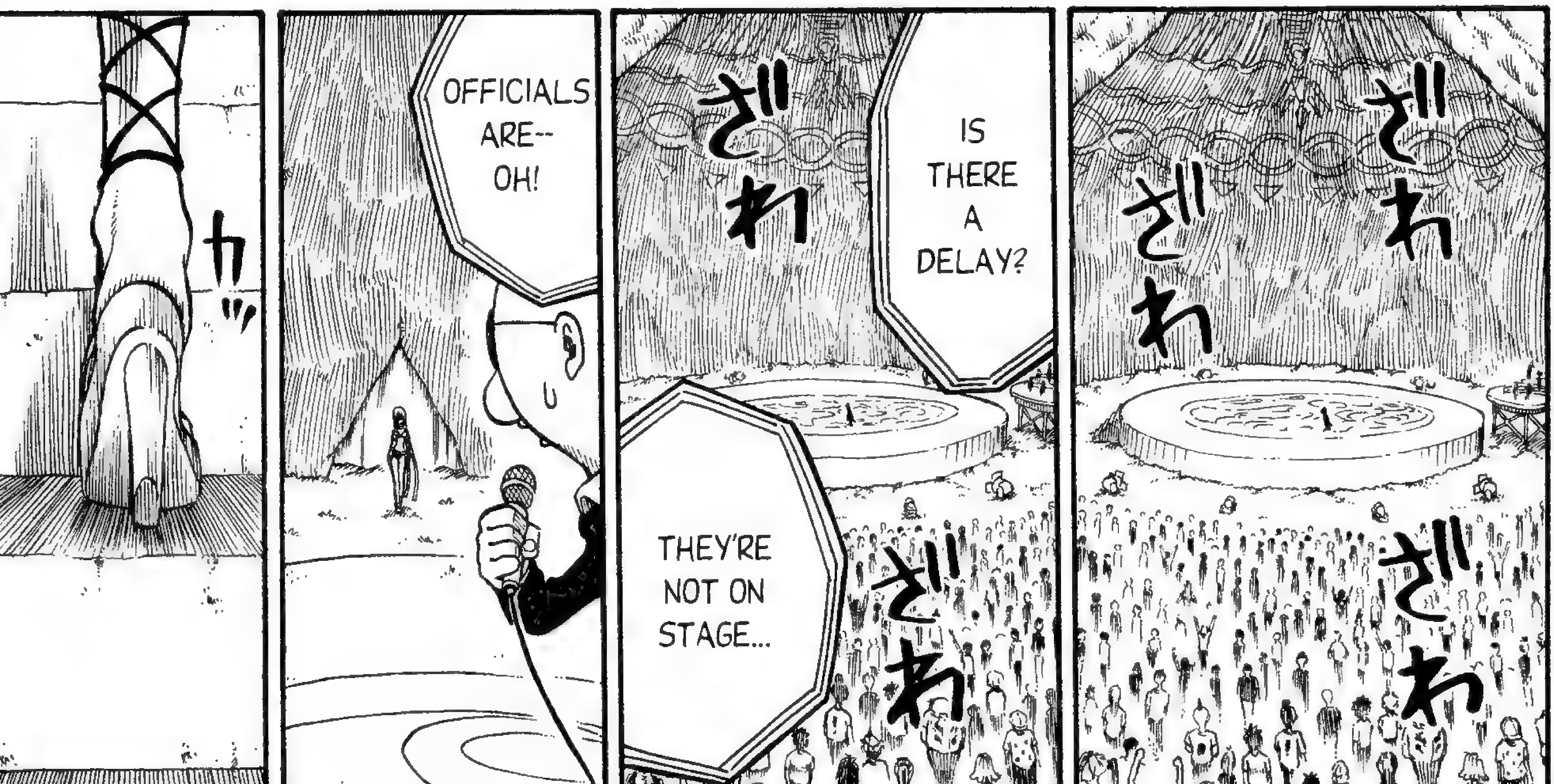
FINE. JUST TELL LITTLE HARU THAT HE'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS CONTEST ALIVE.
THBBT!!
ぷいっ
WELL, AREN'T YOU FIERY?
DON'T COME CRYING TO ME IF YOU NEVER SEE YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN!
BADUMP
BADUMP
NEVER SEE MY FRIENDS AGAIN?
BADUMP
IT'S NOT... LIKE I COULD FORGET THAT.
SAGA ALREADY TOLD ME...
Hah!
Hah!
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I GET TO SEE THEM.

TH-THAT'S A NEW CONTEST RECORD!
100
A SCORE OF 100 POINTS!!
THIS IS THE FIRST 100 POINTS SCORED IN DANCE CONTEST HISTORY!
DAIJIN
FOOT RUN
GOCHIEPA

WHAT AN INFURIATINGLY MAGNIFICENT DANCE!
IT'S THAT GOOD, POYO?
Better than you, POYO?
100 POINTS... I DON'T THINK YOU CAN GO ANY HIGHER.
NOW WHAT, SHUDA?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A PERFECT DANCE...
IS THEIR VICTORY GUARANTEED?! THEY'RE ALMOST INHUMAN!!
HEH.
WE ARE INHUMAN.
DRAGON DANCERS 100 POINTS-- CURRENT LEADERS
WHO ARE THOSE TWO?!
WE'RE GONNA LOSE. NUTS!
ゴゴゴゴ!!..
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO GIVE UP.
ELIE CAN STILL GET HER OWN HUNDRED POINTS.
WHA--?!
LAZENBY ASIDE, ELIE HAS AN IMPRESSIVE KNACK FOR DANCING.


WHAT SHE **NEEDS** TO **DO**...
...IS KEEP HERSELF **TOGETHER.**


YES? OH...THIS JUST IN-- THE **DANCING DUELISTS** HAVE WITHDRAWN.
FIGURES, AFTER SEEING THAT PERFORMANCE!
THOSE GUYS ALREADY WON.
THAT MEANS THE **RAVE STARS** WILL BE PERFORMING NEXT.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ざわ
ざわ
IS THERE A DELAY?
ざわ
ざわ
THEY'RE NOT ON STAGE...
OFFICIALS ARE-- OH!
カッ

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IT SEEMS THAT SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE, FOLKS.
THE TEAM IS MISSING A DANCER...!
WHERE THE HECK IS LAZENBY?!
WELL, YOU SEE...
WHAT?!
HE'S IN THE LITTLE BOY'S ROOM, POYO.
HUUNNH!!
ぶりぶりぶりり
にちにちにちブピッ
Forgive me, Mistress!

YOUR PARTNER, MISS?
SHE'S ACTIN' WEIRD.
JUST HOLD ON HERE, FOLKS...

ざわ
ざわ
ざわ
ざわ
I...I CAN'T DANCE.
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
"IF THIS BATTLE ENDS SAFELY...
...THEN YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE OTHERS AGAIN."
NO...THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT.
IT'S NOT...
IT'S NOT!!

IS SHE GIVING UP ALREADY?!
HURRY UP, WILL YA?!
DANCE OR GET LOST!
SHUT YOUR PIE-HOLES!
DON'T, HARU!
GET OFF THE STAGE!
BOO!
BOO!
WHAT HAPPENED TO ELIE? HER FEELINGS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
GO HOME!
BOO!
YOU SUCK!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME--THE AUDIENCE IS TURNING.
BOO!!
BOO!!
THAT POOR GIRL...
THE TENSION'S GOTTEN TO HER.
HOW 'BOUT WE DO THAT ONE DITTY 'TIL HER PARTNER ARRIVES?
"THAT ONE DITTY"?
THE ONE THAT OTHER WOMAN SOLO DANCED TO.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG--I'D LOVE TO DO IT.
EXCELLENT IDEA!
WHAT A FOND MEMORY...!
IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG...

BADUMP

HUH ...?
MY B-BODY ...
IT'S MOVING!
ポロロロロ、ポポ
I...
I KNOW ... ... THIS SONG.

AND IT FEELS SO RIGHT...

GRANDMA, CAN WE GO TO THE CONTEST?
TAKE ME, TAKE ME!
crust
HUSH, YOU TWO. MY HIPS ARE FAR TOO BRITTLE.
POPPYCOCK! YOU CAN TAKE THEM THAT FAR.
YEAH!
THEN WHY DON'T **YOU** BRING THEM, HM?
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?
BUSINESS IS TOO HECTIC TODAY.
GRANDMA-- LET'S ALL GO **TOGETHER!**
I WANNA **SEE** THE **CONTEST!**
MMM...
HONESTLY, THE QUALITY OF THAT SHOW AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.
THERE'S REALLY NOT MUCH TO SEE...
どかっ

IT USED TO BE BETTER?
YOU BET YOUR BOOTS.
NOBODY'S AS GOOD AS THE DANCING PRINCESS WAS.
DANCING PRINCESS?
THAT TAKES ME BACK.
YES, THAT WAS THE SONG...
!!
THAT SONG...IT'S THE SONG OF THE DANCING PRINCESS!!
Crust
DON'T LAG BEHIND, WHIPPER-SNAPPERS!
MOVE THOSE TINY LEGS!
W-WAIT, GRANDPA!

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RAVE: 184 MIRACULOUS DANCE

B-BLESS MY SOUL...!
THE DANCING PRINCESS!!
WOWIE!!
BUT... WHO'S THE DANCING PRINCESS?
SHE'S THE REASON THE VILLAGE STARTED THIS CONTEST IN THE FIRST PLACE!

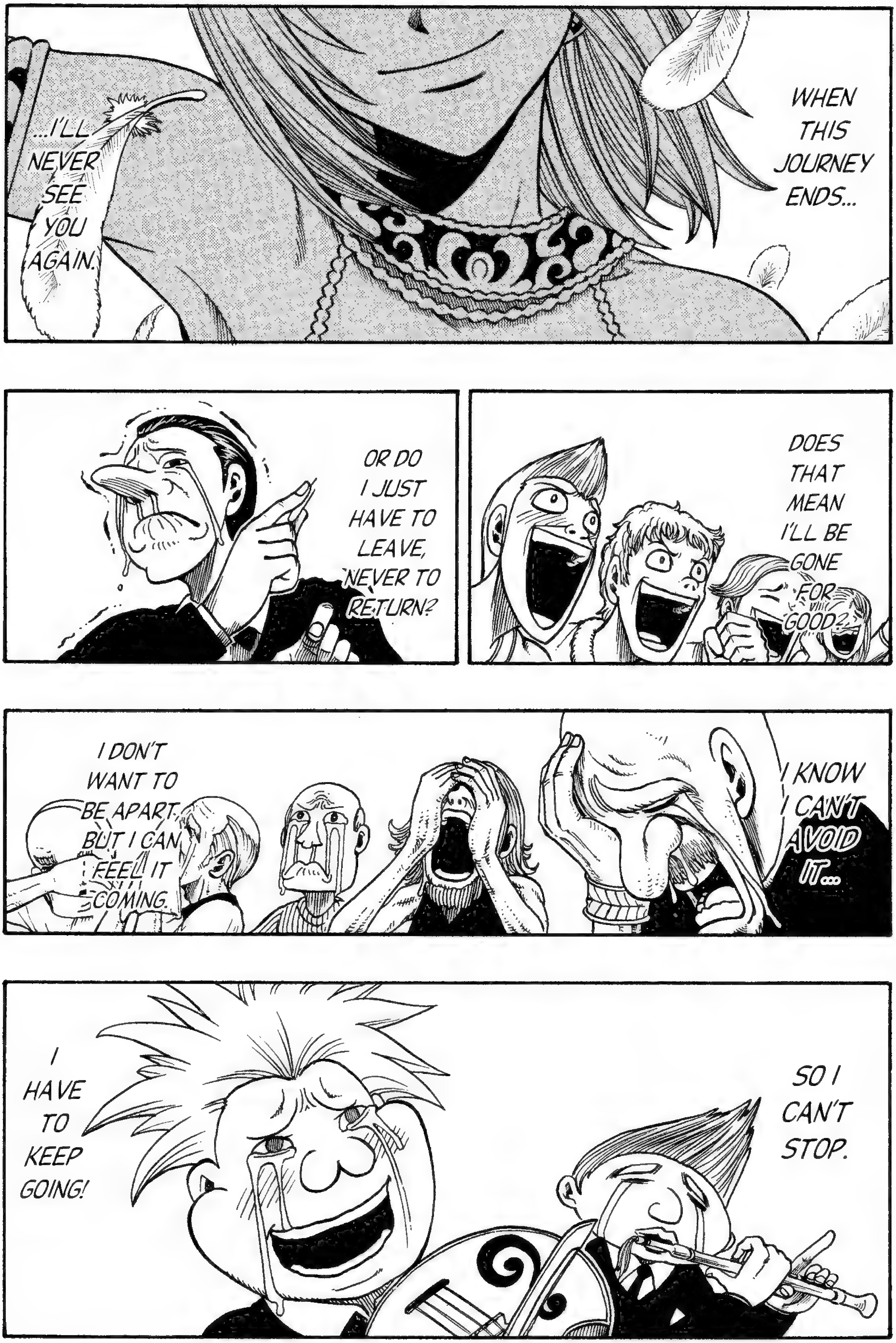
ABOUT FIFTY YEARS AGO, OUR VILLAGE SUFFERED THROUGH A DARK TIME.
THE GIANT SNAKE **YURLUNGUR** ATTACKED US DAILY.
ONE DAY, A TRAVELING DANCER VISITED.
SHE HAD MYSTERIOUS CHARM AND UNSPEAKABLE BEAUTY.
SHE RETURNED LIGHT TO OUR SUFFERING VILLAGE.
BUT, WHILE SHE DANCED, **THE SNAKE RETURNED!**
THE VILLAGERS--THEY ALL FLED IN FEAR.
BUT THE GIRL...
...SHE DANCED ON.

SHE ACTUALLY CHARMED THAT MONSTEROUS SNAKE!
THE DANCING PRINCESS, RESHA VALENTINE!!

THE SNAKE LEFT AFTER THAT.
TO CELEBRATE RESHA AND PRAY AGAINST THE SNAKE'S RETURN...
...WE STARTED THE DANCE CONTEST.
I-IS THAT REALLY ELIE?
GULP
WHAT IN TARNATION...
PRETTY, POYO!
SHE WASN'T **THIS** MAGNIFICENT IN **REHEARSAL!**
NO.
THIS CAN'T BE!
I WON'T STAND FOR IT!!

AAA...
AAAAH!!
IT'S LIKE...
...WE WENT BACK IN TIME!

IT'S A MIRACLE ...
WE'RE ACTUALLY WITNESSING A MIRACLE!!


WHEN THIS JOURNEY ENDS...
...I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
DOES THAT MEAN I'LL BE GONE FOR GOOD?
OR DO I JUST HAVE TO LEAVE, NEVER TO RETURN?
I KNOW I CAN'T AVOID IT...
I DON'T WANT TO BE APART. BUT I CAN FEEL IT COMING.
SO I CAN'T STOP.
I HAVE TO KEEP GOING!

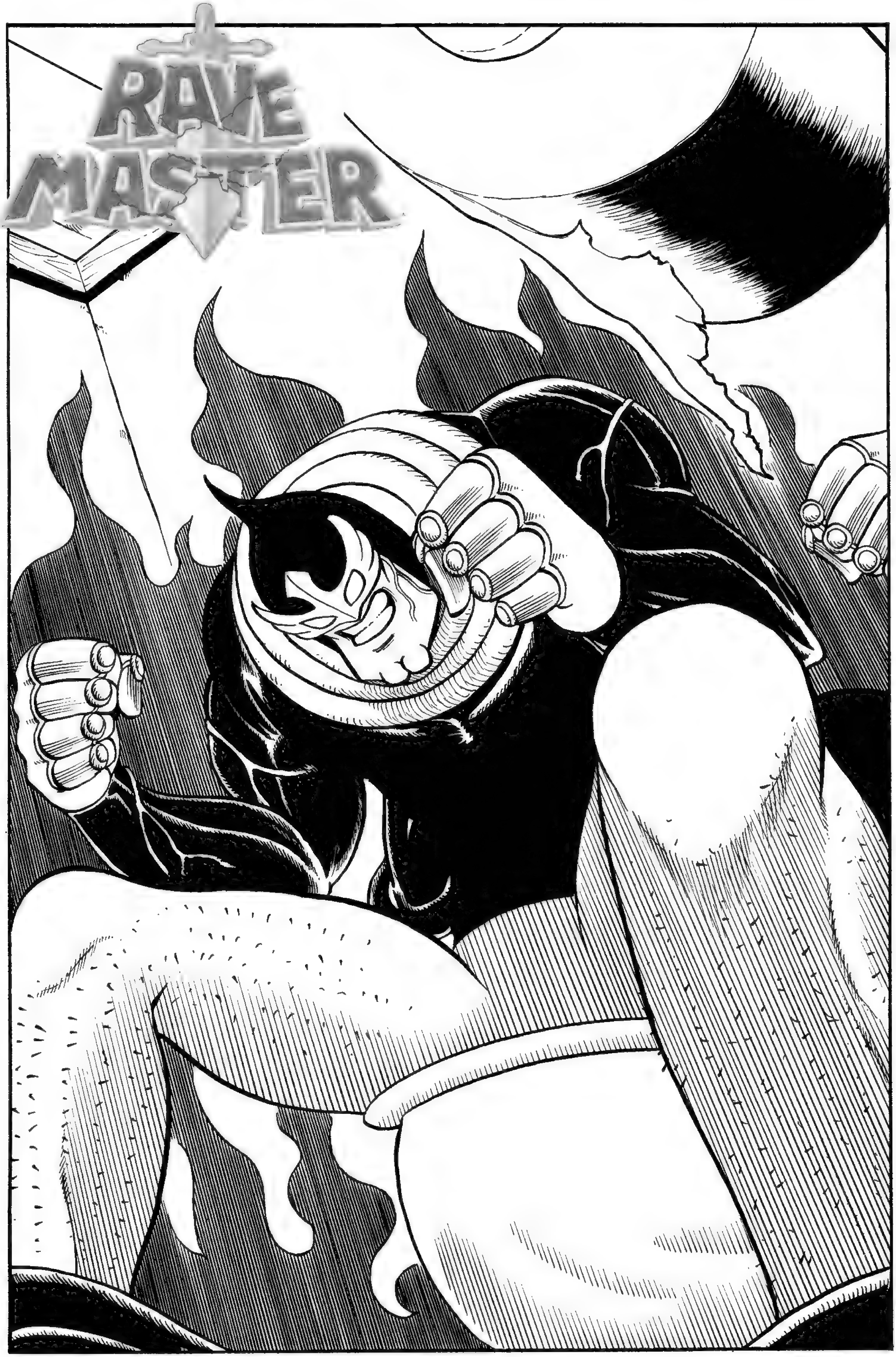
JUST LIKE HARU WOULD.
I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU.
WE'LL HAVE ALL OUR MEMORIES.
WHEN THE TIME COMES... I'LL NEVER FORGET.
I WON'T FORGET A THING.
SO IF I DO THAT...
FIGHTING, PLAYING...
LAUGHING, CRYING...

...WILL YOU PROMISE TO REMEMBER ME?

HOW BEAU-TIFUL!!!
オオオオオオ

IT'S RESHA! RESHA'S RETURNED TO US!
LADY RESHA!
LADY RESHA!!
SHE...*SNIFF*... DOES L-LOOK LIKE LADY RESHA...
BUT THAT... THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!
YOU'RE CRYING, HARU. I TAKE IT THE DANCE MOVED YOU THE WAY IT MOVED ME?
I-IT...IT WAS AWESOME.
BUT THAT'S NOT W-WHY...
NNGH...
NNH!
W-WHY...

SHE'S SO SAD... SOMEHOW.
ガくっ
SIR IULIUS!
ピク
CLNCH
ピク ピク
ぞくっ
UH-OH...! THIS IS BAD!
HE ONLY GETS THIS ANGRY WHEN SOMEONE INJURES HIS FACE!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RAVE:185 ✠ IULIUS DECIDED THIS?!

LADY RESHA!!
LADY RESHA!!
LADY RESHA!!
THAT MUST'VE BEEN RESHA'S SONG.
AND RESHA'S DANCE, I THINK.
HOW COME MY BODY JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN?
IT WAS WEIRD, BUT SOMEHOW... COMPLETELY NATURAL.
IT FELT GOOD. REALLY GOOD.
AND I THINK I JUST USED EVERYTHING INSIDE OF ME.

MY HEART'S BEATING SO FAST...
I FEEL SO... ALIVE.
THANKS SO MUCH, EVERYBODY!
PEOPLE TELL ME I LOOK LIKE RESHA...
オオォオオ
ELIE!!
ELIE!!
ELIE!!
BUT I'M REALLY ELIE-- SO PLEASE REMEMBER ME, 'KAY?
HUNH. FORGET WHAT I SAID. ELIE LOOKS REAL HAPPY.
SHE DID A FANTASTIC JOB.
WELL, UH...YOUR SCORE, JUDGES?
BUT SHE BROKE THE RULES BY DANCING SOLO, DARN IT!

999
A DANCING PRINCESS EQUAL TO LADY RESHA HAS BEEN BORN!
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!
IT'S RIGHT.
IF THE ELDER SAY'S IT'S RIGHT, THEN IT'S OH, SO, VERY RIGHT! 999 POINTS!
999! YAAY!
COOL, ELDER!
999 POINTS?! YOU MEAN SCORES CAN GO OVER 100?!
WELL, THE BOARD DOES HAVE ROOM FOR THREE DIGITS.
YAY, POYO!

Rave Stars 999 Points--1st Place
1m Edel Prize
WE CAN'T EXACTLY BEAT THAT, CAN WE?
HEH...
Dagon Dancers 100 Points--2nd Place
500,000 Edel Prize
HEY! WE STILL GOT THIRD PLACE!
Luv-Dubs 96 Points--3rd Place
500 Edel Prize
THAT PRIZE DROP-OFF IS WAY TOO BIG!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THOSE JUDGES?! I SMELL A RAT!
OH, MY...
SIR!
NOW!
THE BRILLIANT PRINCE IS COMING TO THE STAGE!
THE DEFENDING CHAMPION HAS ARRIVED!

SIR IULIUS IS AT HIS BREAKING POINT NOW.
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A DANCE THAT'S BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND ANGRY!
NN!
ズカ
ズカ
すぅっ
びくっ
!!!
ATTENTION, EVERYONE.
I WILL NOW WITHDRAW.

WHAAAT?!
ハァーッ!?
……
とぼ
とぼ…
THEN THAT MEANS …
THAT MEANS?
ざわ
ざわ
WHAT MEANS?
THAT MEANS!
THAT MEANS...

THE RAVE STARS' MISS ELIE IS OUR NEW CHAMPION!!!
YEEES!!
Puun!!
WE'RE NOT FORCED TO QUIT YET!
WHAT THE HECK'S THAT DOLL FOR?!
CONGRAT-ULATIONS..
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!!
SIR IULIUS HAS WAY TOO MUCH PRIDE TO WITHDRAW!
HE MUST HAVE A PLAN! WILL HE KILL THE GIRL?!

I'D BEST GET GOING WHILE THE GOING'S STILL GOOD!
WHAT A JOKE!
NOW I CAN'T SHOOT HIM ONSTAGE!
FINE.
IT MAY LACK CLASS... BUT I'LL JUST SHOOT HIM NOW.
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE'D HE GO?
THERE ...!
!!
YO.
!!!

LOOKS LIKE I FOUND YOU, MIYO, OR MIKA, OR WHATEVER.
ばっ
ガッ!!
BEFORE I TAKE YOU DOWN... YOU CAN AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME.
がさ
がさ
WH-WHY ARE YOU--
YOU THINK IT'S **FUN** TO FIND A SNIPER?
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT WHAT I AM?!
SO I **WAS** RIGHT ABOUT THE SNIPER THING!
SWEET GUESS, HUH? GOOD THING YOU'RE GULLIBLE AS HELL, HONEY.
......
J-JUST... JUST STAY OUT OF MY WAY, PRETTY BOY!
KILLING IULIUS WILL **HELP** THE RAVE MASTER!

NAH. WE FIGHT, BUT WE DON'T KILL.
IT'S THE RAVE MASTER WAY.
HOW VERY NOBLE.
YOU'RE PRETTY PICKY ABOUT KILLING GUYS YOURSELF.
A MAN OF HIS RANK ONLY SHOWS UP IN THE OPEN HERE.
IT'S ALSO THE BEST CHANCE TO GET HIS DB.
NOW...ARE YOU MOVING, OR NOT?
すくっ
I DON'T GET IT.
I THINK YOUR PLAN HAS MORE HOLES THAN SWISS CHEESE.
PLUS... YOU DON'T HAVE THE EYES OF A MURDERER.

カチャ
I CAN ALWAYS JUST MOW THROUGH YOU.
THEN DO IT. I MEAN, WHY WARN ME?
I GUESS I'M JUST NICE LIKE THAT.
NICE GIRLS DON'T SHOOT PEOPLE.

THEN I GUESS WE'RE **BOTH** WRONG.

ざわ ざわ
WHAT WAS THAT? WAS THAT... GUNFIRE?
ざわ
I...I THINK SO...
ざわ ざわ
WHAT'S GOING ON?
たったったっ
I...I HAVE NEWS!
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
DEMON CARD'S INVADING FROM THE NORTHERN VALLEY!!!

WHAT?! EVERYONE!! GET UNDER SOMETHING!!
わあああっ
THEY'RE HERE!
AND TODAY WAS SO NICE!
MOMMY!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
DEMON CARD? NOW?!
わー!
わー!
わ
ばた ばた
ばた
MAYBE IULIUS SNAPPED.
TH-THIS IS TOO FAST!
THEY'RE OVERDOING IT A SMIDGE!
LET'S GET OUR BUTTS NORTH, GUYS!
HOW MANY ARE THERE?!
100! I THINK WE SHOULD-- WAIT. WHO'RE YOU?!
100...
AND THEY'RE WEARING ELITE GEAR!

NNGH!
ドッ
SHUDA!!
I...I'M FINE.
YOUR WOUNDS, SIR!
I DON'T HAVE MY TONFAS, HARU!
CRAP!
SHUDA AND ELIE CAN'T FIGHT!
ズキン
ズキン
AND I--
ズキーン
ズキーン
RRGH! WE CAN'T PROTECT THE VILLAGE LIKE THIS!
RUN!!
AAAH!!
TO THE SOUTH SHELTER!
AND BRING YOUR MONEY!
WHERE THE HECK IS MUSICA?!
YEP.
I TOTALLY FEEL LIKE AN ASS.

HARU--
LOOK
OUT!!
ドドドド
THEY'RE
ALREADY
INSIDE,
POYO!!
ドドドドドド
ドドド
THERE'S NO
TIME TO
THINK, HARU.
JUST DO IT!
SHOO
SHOO
ブワァ
!!

THE DANCE CONTEST'S OVER.
INDEED.
HUH?
SON OF A...

AW, SNAP! YOU'RE NOT--
BARE HANDS?
THEY'RE BARE-HANDED!
ざわっ
THOSE G-GUYS ARE MONSTERS!
HMPH.

RAVE MASTER
HEAR SILVE

RAVE:186 SEED OF EVIL INTENT

THUNK
LET!!
THEN...IS THAT...?
バサッ

JULIA. IT'S A PLEASURE.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
TH-THEY WERE THE DRAGON DANCERS, POYO!
FRIENDS OF YOURS?
HEY! THAT'S THE GUY WHO BEAT GENERAL JEGAN!
WE'RE SCREWED! RETREAT!
WE NEED BETTER SOLDIERS!

AWW...AND JUST WHEN IT WAS GETTING GOOD.
LEAVE THEM.
ドドドド...
WELL.
IT SEEMS YOU'RE IN ONE PIECE.
YOU TRICKED US, LET!
HA! PROPER TRAINING WOULD HAVE HELPED YOU SEE THROUGH ME.
ER... TRAINING?
IT WAS MY IDEA TO TRICK YOU, ANYWAY.
YOU'RE HUMAN AGAIN! COOL!
ER, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
AND I'M DRAGON RACE.
YOUR DANCE WAS MARVELOUS. WE MEANT TO WIN BEFORE REVEALING OURSELVES...BUT THEN WE LOST.
THOUGH I THINK PLUE RECOGNIZED US FROM THE START!
Puun!!

ANYWAY, THANKS FOR SAVING US!
LET'S GO BACK! POYO!
WEL-COME HOME!
I'M EVERMARY-- AND THIS IS SHUDA. NICE TO MEETCHA.
THOSE SOLDIERS WERE NO MATCH FOR HARU.
SAVING THEM?
THE SECOND DC WAVE IS COMING.
WE SHOULDN'T FIGHT THEM HERE. LET'S FIND IULIUS.
YEAH--MAYBE SCHOOLING IULIUS WILL GET HIM TO STOP THIS.
HE SHOULD STILL BE HERE.
I WANNA CHANGE AND GET MY TONFAS.
No!
ALL RIGHT. WE'LL SEND THE BOYS FIRST, AND FOLLOW UP AFTER.
?
THE NOSE KNOWS.

WOO-HOO!
HA HA HA!!
IN A DUMP LIKE THIS?!
WHAT'S THIS? A LIMITED EDITION DNB?!
AND A SUMMER MODEL BLASTER! I ALWAYS WANTED ONE OF THESE!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'M STEALING--I'M JUST COLLECTING SCRAP! I'M TALKING ZERO GUILT, HERE!
WITH NO ONE HERE, THIS PLACE IS TREASURE ISLAND!
YEEEEK!!!
BAD TIMING!!
AAA
GOOD TIMING!
ビクッ
BRANCH!!

WHERE'S IULIUS?!
!!
MUSICA!!
WHERE THE HECK WERE YOU?!
UH...WHEN THE HELL DID YOU GET LET BACK?!
HELLO.

ANYWAY... TELL US WHERE IULIUS WENT!
MEEP! TH-THAT HOTEL, ROOM 405! S-SIR!
LET'S GO!!
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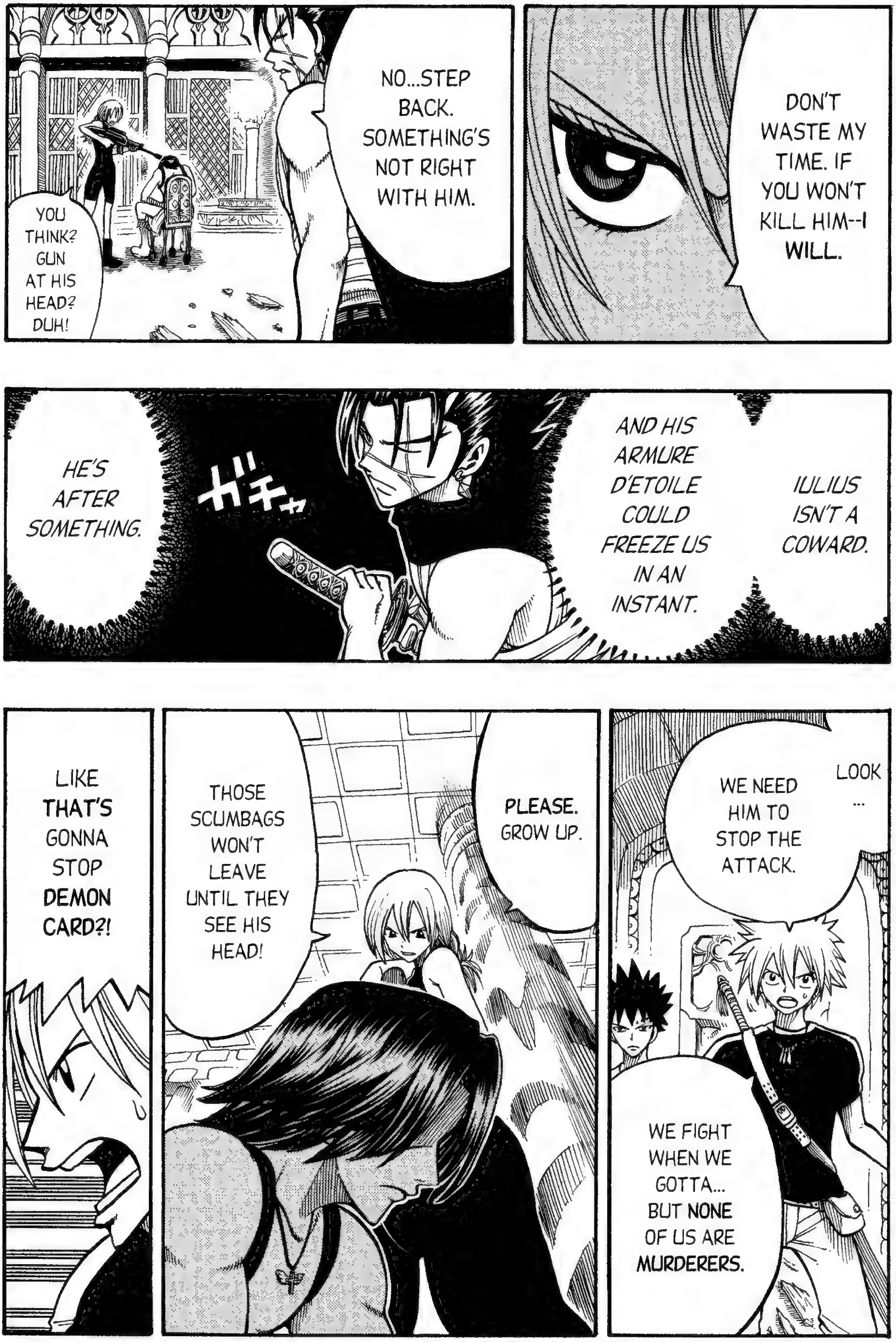
Why are you here, Let?
......
HEH HEH HEH...THERE'S NO WAY YOU BRATS COULD BEAT A MEMBER OF THE ORACION SIX!
SHFF
ORACION SIX, Y'SAY?
スゥ
HUH?!
AND WHO ARE--
EEP
Ex-Oracion Six Member
!!
HOW DID I NOT RECOGNIZE YOU?!
DON'T ROB DISASTER ZONES.
Y-YES SIR...!

IULIUS!!
バゴォン
DON'T MOVE!!!

UH... WEREN'T YOU WITH BRANCH?
YOU'RE NOT DC.
SHE'S NOT DC OR WITH BRANCH.
SHE'S AN ASSASSIN AFTER IULIUS.
I'M WITH RESISTANCE.
RESISTANCE?
CIVILIANS FIGHTING DC TO RETAKE THEIR OCCUPIED HOMELANDS.
SO SHE'S AN ALLY, POYO!


DON'T WASTE MY TIME. IF YOU WON'T KILL HIM--I **WILL.**
NO...STEP BACK. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT WITH HIM.
YOU THINK? GUN AT HIS HEAD? DUH!
IULIUS ISN'T A COWARD.
AND HIS ARMURE D'ETOILE COULD FREEZE US IN AN INSTANT.
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HE'S AFTER SOMETHING.
LOOK ...
WE NEED HIM TO STOP THE ATTACK.
WE FIGHT WHEN WE GOTTA... BUT **NONE** OF US ARE **MURDERERS.**
PLEASE. GROW UP.
THOSE SCUMBAGS WON'T LEAVE UNTIL THEY SEE HIS HEAD!
LIKE **THAT'S** GONNA STOP **DEMON CARD?!**

ARE YOU TAKING HIS SIDE, LITTLE BOY?
CLICK
YOU WON'T GET FAR IN THIS WORLD WITH MARSH-MALLOWS FOR GONADS!
FWUMP

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S GOTTA GET REAL, LADY!!
YOU CAN'T TREAT LIFE--ANYBODY'S LIFE--AS IF IT WERE GUM STUCK TO YOUR SHOE!!
JUST KILLING PEOPLE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!!
RELAX. WE GOT HIM.
WE'LL JUST PULL A PUNCH OR TWO.
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I FAILED ...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, IULIUS?
CALL THE TROOPS OFF! THE CONTEST'S A MESS, NOW!
FOOSH
IS EVERYBODY OKAY?!
!
SAY... WHO'S THE BROAD?!
WHAT?!
Let's in for it, now.
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IT'S ...
... NOT ME.
!!

HUH?
I DIDN'T DO THIS.
YOU DIDN'T?
IT'S ANOTHER UNIT...
I WASN'T EVEN INFORMED.
YEAH, RIGHT. LIKE THEY'D --
GRRSH
BEEP
BEEP
!!
GENERAL IULIUS, THIS IS **BLUE GUARDIANS** TEAM 25.
FRESH INTEL FROM INSIDE RIBEYLA.
THE ETHERION GIRL IS IN THE VILLAGE.
NO WAY!
WE REQUEST ASSISTANCE!
!
OUR OBJECTIVE...
...IS TO CAPTURE HER!
TAKE IT EASY, ELIE.
BLUE GUARDIANS? BUT THEY'RE INDEPENDENTS, LIKE DREW!
THEY'RE UNDER DC NOW.
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

IF THE CALL'S AN INDICATION, THIS IS OVER IULIUS.
NOT HIS DOING, POYO.
I'D RATHER IT WERE.
THIS IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
THEY'RE A HUGE SKY EXECUTIONER GROUP. HARDENER COMMANDS THEM.
IT'S AN ALLIANCE MUCH STRONGER THAN DREW AND OGRE'S.
That's terrible!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT! WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
RIGHT!
WAIT...

HOW COULD THEY SUSPECT ME WITH NO BASIS?! THOSE MONSTERS!!!
THEY TAINTED THE DANCE CONTEST THAT I HOLD SO DEAR!!!

GENERAL IULIUS! ARE YOU THERE?
CONNECTION MUST BE BAD...
IF YOU SEE THE ETHERION GIRL, CAPTURE HER.
SHUT UP!!
I'M ON VACATION!!
boop
WHOA...
I'LL SAY THIS...HIS PASSION IS UNDENIABLE.
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME! YOUR DANCE...IT WAS THE EPITOME OF BEAUTY!
UM... TH-THANKS?
I KNEW I COULDN'T BEAT YOU! PLUS, I GAVE YOU FRANCOISE, DIDN'T I?!
I'VE LOST... MY BEAUTY'S SHATTERED...
YOU SHOULD HAVE LET THAT ASSASSIN K-KILL ME...
EXCUSE US... BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DIE FOR SOMETHING SO DUMB!
JUST KNOW... ...YOU M-MOVED MY HEART!
I F-FELT YOUR DANCE'S BEAUTY IN THE D-DEPTHS OF MY S-SOUL!
Hic!
I FELT THAT... IT COULD EVEN CH-CHANGE ME...!
Nnh!
Hggh!

Nngh!
I-I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, GIRL!
Gggh!
Hic!
Nngh!
NO QUARREL AT ALL!
Hic!
Hic!
I'M... GLAD. THANK YOU.
I M-MEAN IT!
H-hic!
Nnh!

STILL WANNA KILL HIM?
I KNOW HE'S KINDA LAME, BUT--
HUH?
BLOOD?!
WAIT A SECOND!!
WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
?!
SHE'S TRYING TO BITE OFF HER TONGUE!!
GHCK!
HACK!

WHAT?!
DAMN THOSE RESISTANCE BASTARDS!
DAMN THEM FOR SENDING A YOUNG GIRL AS AN ASSASSIN...
...AND THEN MAKING HER KILL HERSELF IF SHE FAILS!
SHE COULDN'T HAVE BITTEN IT OFF COMPLETELY! THERE'S STILL TIME!
TO THE HOSPITAL, POYO!
NO--THE SHELTER!
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SHE... SHE TRICKED ME!
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AN ASSASSIN?
BUT SHE MADE ME BETRAY SIR IULIUS!
THE BLUE GUARDIANS ARE INVADING!
THERE'S NO SHELTER FOR A TRAITOR!
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STUPID WENCH!
B-BUT THEY'RE NOT GONNA K-KILL ME...! OH, NO!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES--I WILL SURVIVE!!

RAVE MASTER™

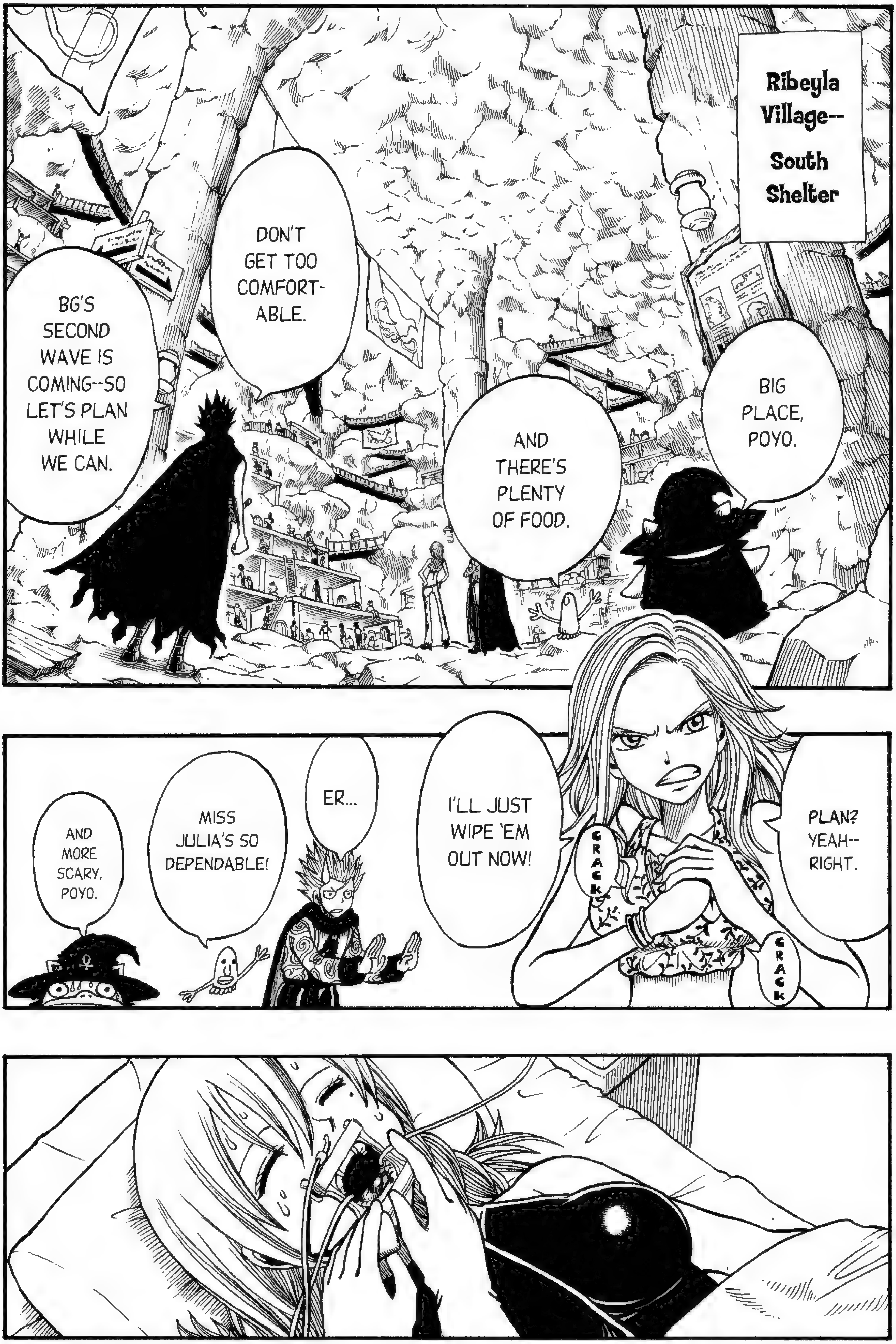
REMEMBER NAKAJIMA, KIDS? LET'S MAKE A SONG TODAY.
(I'M BORED.)

NAKAJIMA'S SONG

Lyrics Composer

I'm always ~la la la ~
I love being at ~la la la ~
cry. always makes
* Aaa... you know. Nakajima!
I'm already ~lu lu lu~
I dream of ~lu lu lu~
just chops me up...
makes me luv-luv!

FINISH IT OR YOUR TEACHER WILL BE ANGRY!


Ribeyla Village-- South Shelter
BIG PLACE, POYO.
AND THERE'S PLENTY OF FOOD.
DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE.
BG'S SECOND WAVE IS COMING--SO LET'S PLAN WHILE WE CAN.
PLAN? YEAH-- RIGHT.
CRACK
CRACK
I'LL JUST WIPE 'EM OUT NOW!
ER...
MISS JULIA'S SO DEPENDABLE!
AND MORE SCARY, POYO.

RAVE:187 ✠ THE SOUL RIBEYLA

DON'T WORRY. THE WOUND'S SHALLOW--SHE'LL BE OKAY.
REALLY?!
SHE'LL JUST HAVE A HARD TIME TALKING FOR A WHILE.
GOOD... BUT MAN, WHAT A PAIN.
WHO CARES? THAT'S GREAT NEWS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D TRY TO THROW HER LIFE AWAY.
HEY! DANCING PRINCESS!
MISS ELIE, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
OVER HERE! IT'S SAFER HERE!
!
MAN... ELIE'S PRETTY POPULAR.
OF COURSE SHE IS! SHE'S THE NEW DANCING PRINCESS.
SAY...AREN'T YOU THAT ELDER GUY?
SIGH...TOO BAD IT'S UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ELDER! I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FROM THE ENEMY!!
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WHAT?!
beep boop
crrsh beep
WOW... I CAN'T BELIEVE I FOUND A RADIO.
beep
crrsh beep
CAN ANYONE HEAR THIS? THIS IS THE BLUE GUARDIANS! YOU'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
WE WANT THE ETHERION GIRL.
HER NAME'S ELIE. HAND HER OVER--NOW.
WHAAT?!
!!

THEY'RE AFTER ELIE?!
BUT WHY?!
I HEARD IT'S ABOUT ETHER... SOMETHING.
ARE THEY **OUT** OF THEIR **MINDS?!** AN **ENTIRE UNIT** FOR **ONE GIRL?!**
REQUEST **DENIED**--OVER!
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!!!
THEY'RE HERE ALREADY?!
THEY'VE ALREADY FOUND US?!
THEY MUST BE TO MAKE THE ENTIRE CAVE SHAKE LIKE THIS!!
IT'S **TIME** TO **FIGHT!**
HATE TO SAY IT...BUT WE COULD ACTUALLY USE IULIUS RIGHT NOW!
HE'D NEVER AGREE TO IT.
NOBODY PANIC! WE'RE SAFE IN HERE!
....
THEY'RE HERE...! TIME TO START THE MISSION!

WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS! OFFENSE--OUTSIDE! DEFENSE--STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
LET, JULIA, RUBY--YOU'RE WITH ME ON OFFENSE!
GOT IT!
ME, POYO?!
MUSICA AND SHUDA'RE WOUNDED... SO YOU GUYS GUARD THE FORT!
WHAT? WELL, THAT SUCKS.
INSIDE IS NICE.
ELIE, YOU STAY, TOO. YOU'RE THEIR TARGET.
BUT--
NO BUTS! THEY CAN'T GET YOU HERE.
CHEER UP, GIRLIE!
SPANK
ACK!
BUTT?
JUST LEAVE IT TO US! THOSE PUNKS DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
AND IT'S NICE FOR A GIRL TO GET PROTECTED NOW AND AGAIN.
EVERYONE ELSE--YOU TAKE CARE OF ELIE!!!
YOU BET!
SHE'S OUR DANCING PRINCESS!
OF COURSE WE'LL DEFEND HER!
UH, WHO'RE THEY?

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LEAVE PROTECTING YOUR VILLAGE TO US!!!
HUH...? NO ONE'S HERE!
THAT'S WEIRD. WHERE'S THE ARMY?
LOOK... UP.
UP?

AW,
SNAP!!!

THAT THING MUST'VE CAUSED THE TREMOR!!
HOLY MOTHER OF...
POYOOOO!!!
びちゃ~
WHAT THE HECK IS BG THINKING?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY THROW AT US!! WE SHALL PREVAIL REGARDLESS!!
YOU STUPID, GIANT...
...BUTT-MONKEY!

LET'S CRACK THIS LOBSTER OPEN!!
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!!!
AGH!!
OUR ATTACKS HAVE NO EFFECT!
OW!!
W-we're dead, poyo!

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KNOCK IT OFF, YOU FREAK! YOU'LL WRECK THE SHELTER!
HELLO?! YOU REALLY THINK HE CARES?!
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AAAAAH!!
CAVE-IN!
IT'LL HOLD, IT'LL HOLD!

STOP THE ROCKS, MUSICA!
DUH! YOU **THINK**, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS?!
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crrsh
HAH! GIVE UP YET?!
!
crrsh
OR WOULD YOU RATHER FACE OUR MONSTER **DIMANCHE?!**
MONSTER?!
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JUST GIVE UP ELIE AND WE'LL STOP.
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YOU'RE OUT OF TIME, FOLKS.
IT'S GETTING **TIGHT** IN **HERE!**
HERE, TOO! WE'VE GOT MORE **WOUNDED!**
DIMANCHE CAN TAKE OUT YOUR PATHETIC VILLAGE IN A DAY.
THIS IS YOUR **LAST** CHANCE...
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THE BEDROCK CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
AAAAH!!
IT'S BREAKING APART!!
MAMA, I'M SCARED!
WAAAAAH!!
ELDER, PLEASE!
WE'VE GOTTA HAND THE GIRL OVER!
HUH?! DON'T YOU EVEN!
IT'S EITHER SACRIFICE ONE GIRL-- OR WE'RE ALL DEAD!
THIS PLACE IS ALMOST TRASHED!
OKU GENKI?
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HAND HER OVER!
DON'T DO IT!
BUT IT'LL SAVE LIVES!
ELDER, HURRY UP AND DECIDE!
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I...
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WAIT ONE COTTON-PICKIN' MINUTE, MISSY!
YOU LEAVING HERE WON'T SOLVE A DARN THING!
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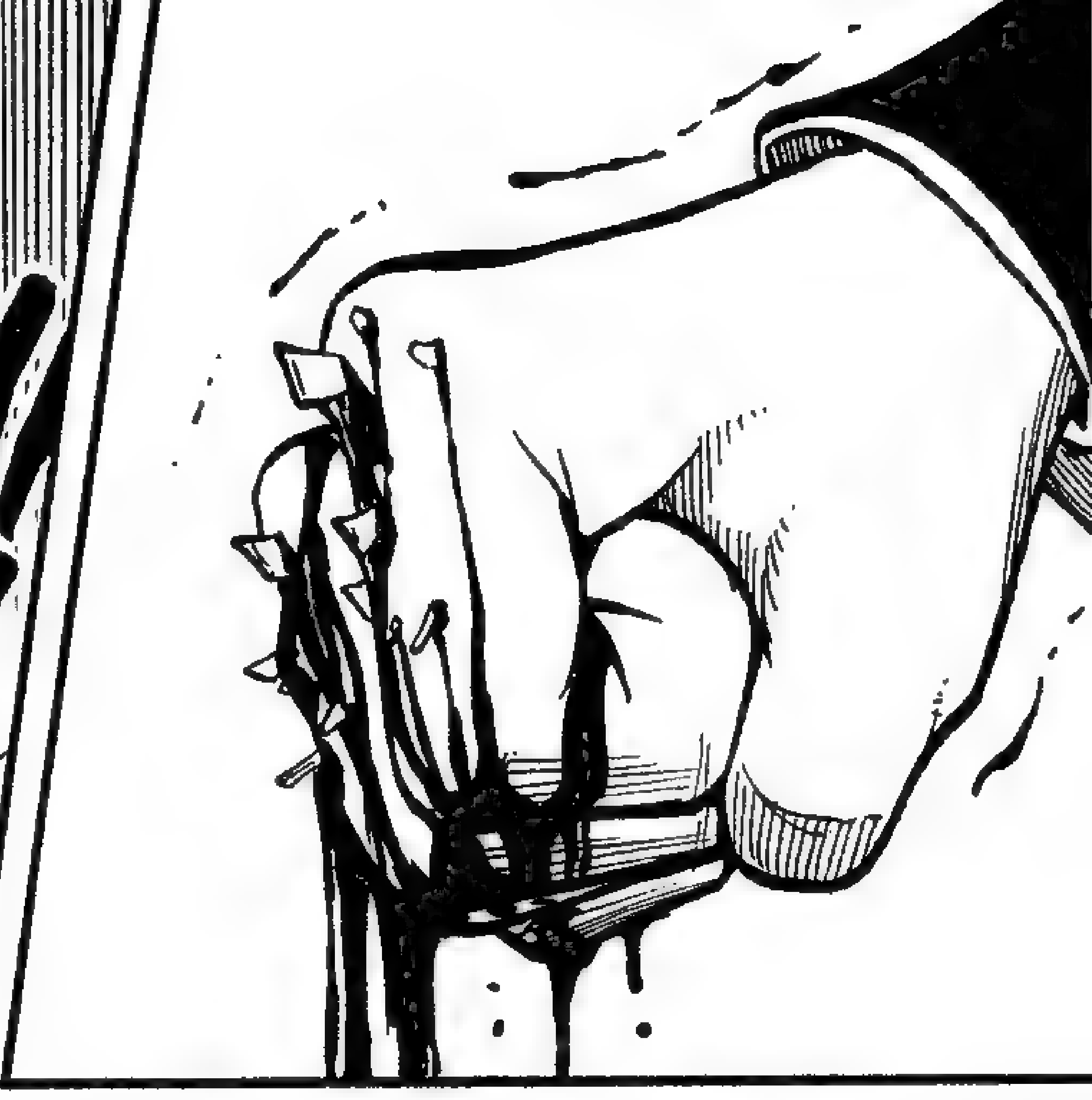
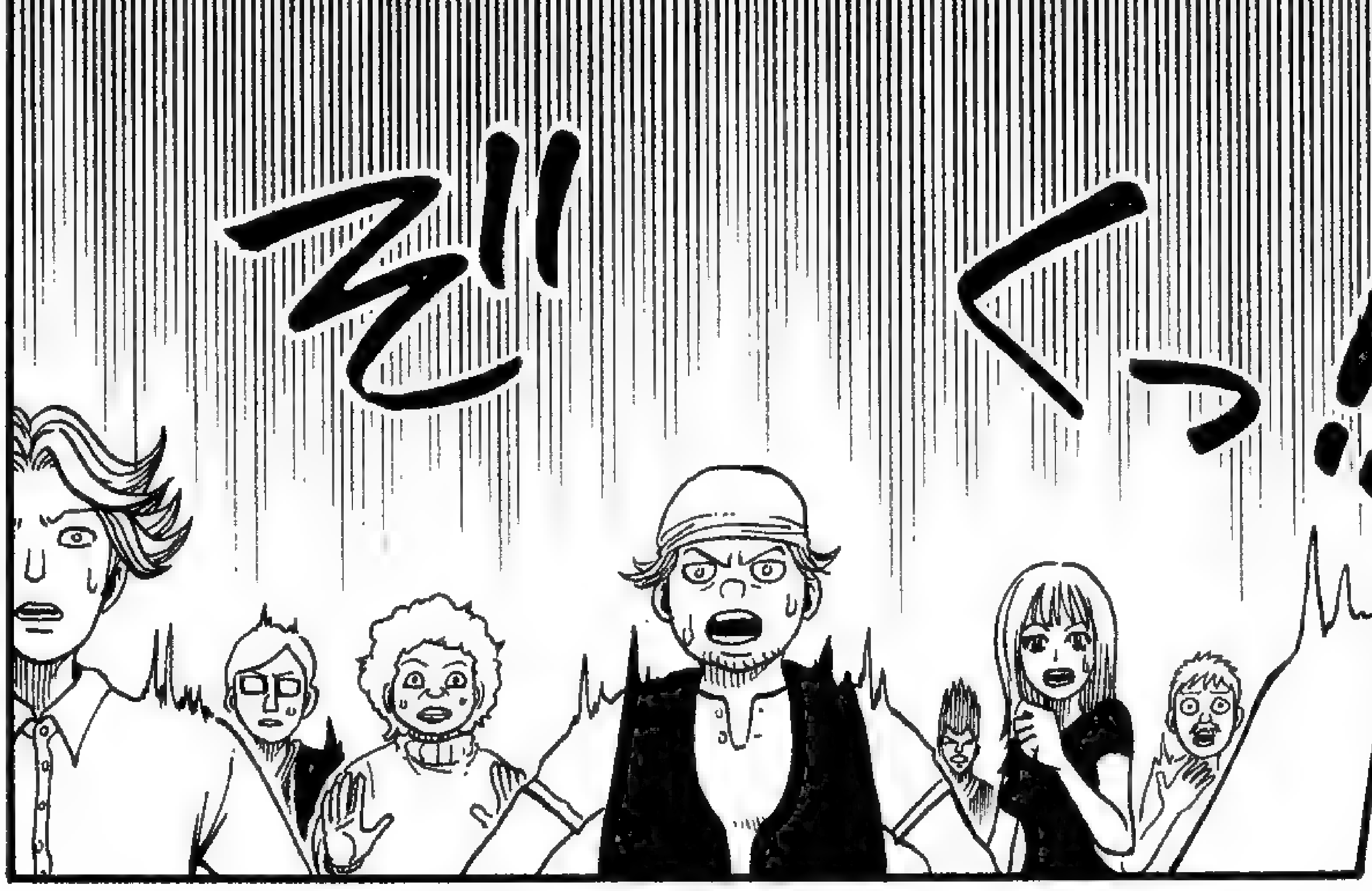
WHATEVER THESE FOLKS DECIDE...
...YOU'VE GOTTA BE **STRONG.**
HARU'S OUT THERE. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN HIM!
O-OKAY...
ELDER, SAVE US!
MY CHILD'S HURT!
ELDER!!
THINK OF THE VILLAGE!
YOU **HAVE** TO **SAVE** US!
NNGH...
bwoo
crrsh

THERE'S NO SUCH GIRL HERE!!!
AND EVEN IF THERE WAS...
crrsh
...THAT HARU BOY SAID HE'D PROTECT OUR VILLAGE!!!
AND HE'S NOT EVEN FROM HERE!!!
IF HE CAN DO THAT-- THEN CAN'T WE PROTECT THE DANCING PRINCESS WE LOVE SO VERY DEARLY?!

WITHOUT THE PRINCESS, THERE IS NO VILLAGE!!!
IF WE DESTROY THE SYMBOL OF OUR HOPE, THEN WE'VE TRULY LOST!!!

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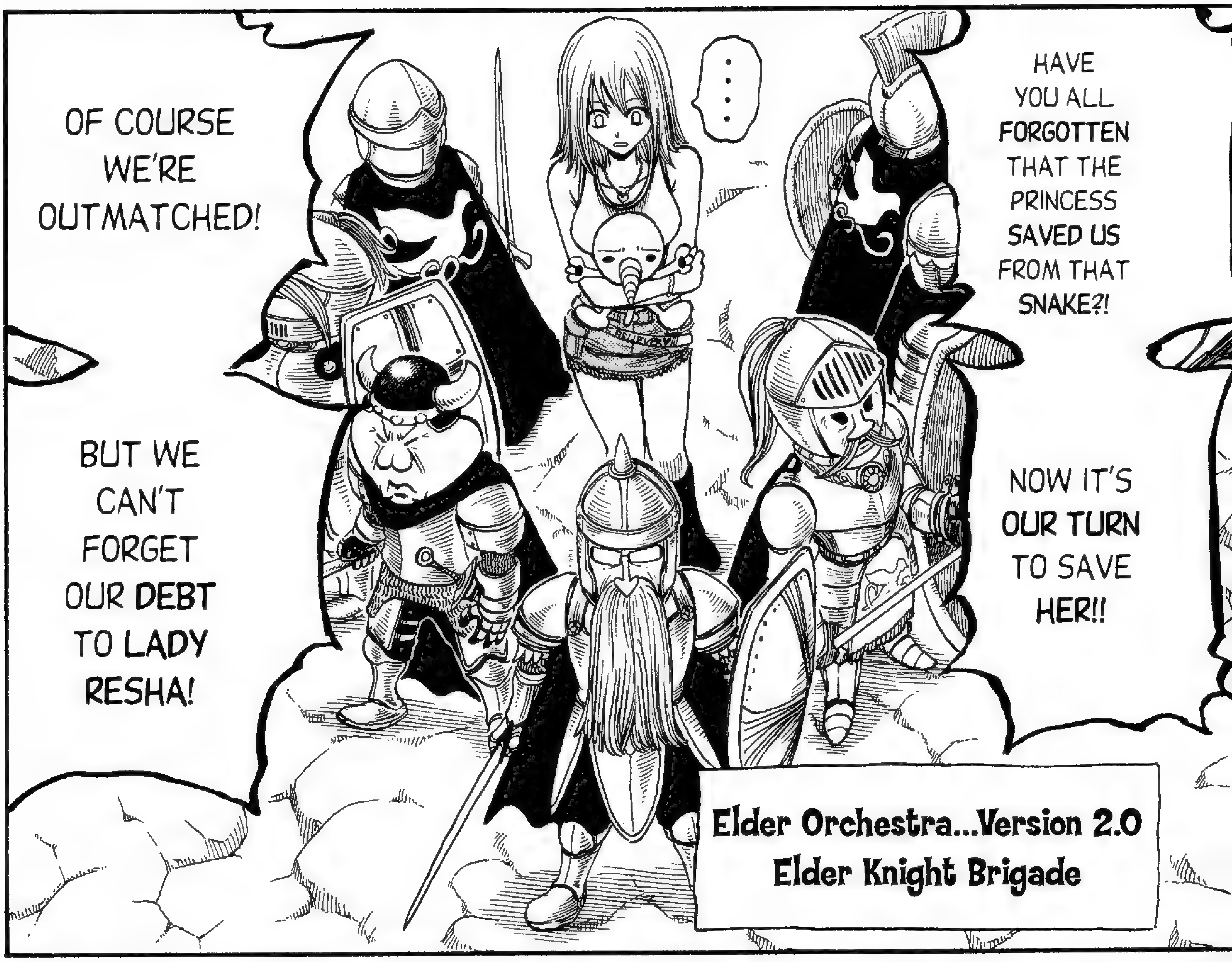
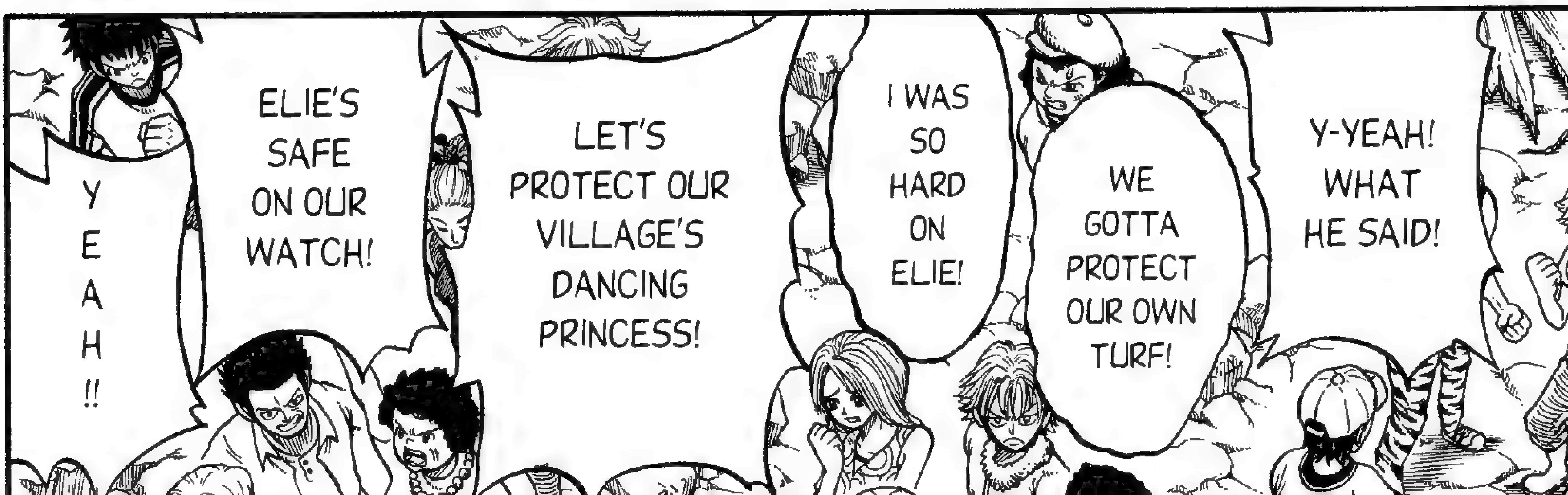
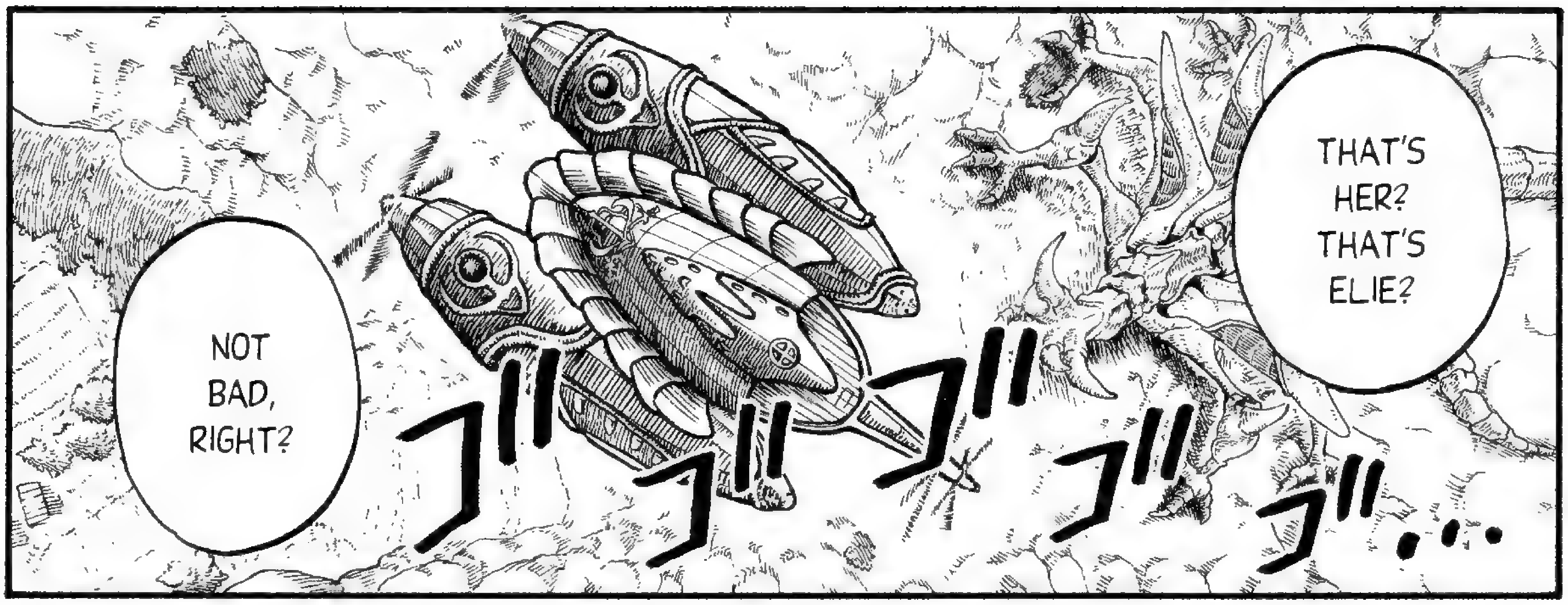

HAVE YOU ALL **FORGOTTEN** THAT THE PRINCESS **SAVED US** FROM THAT **SNAKE?!**
NOW IT'S **OUR TURN** TO SAVE **HER!!**
....
OF COURSE WE'RE OUTMATCHED!
BUT WE CAN'T FORGET OUR **DEBT** TO **LADY RESHA!**
Elder Orchestra...Version 2.0
Elder Knight Brigade


Y-YEAH! WHAT HE SAID!
WE GOTTA PROTECT OUR OWN TURF!
I WAS SO HARD ON ELIE!
LET'S PROTECT OUR VILLAGE'S DANCING PRINCESS!
ELIE'S SAFE ON OUR WATCH!
YEAH!!

I REALLY LIKE THIS PLACE.
MM.
UH, GUYS?
THE SHAKING STOPPED.
!!!
HUH?!
YAAY! MASTER HARU IS VICTORIOUS!
NO WAY!
I WAS SURE NOTHING WAS WORKING...
...BUT NOW HE'S JUST... STANDING THERE.
crrsh
bwoo
bwoo
bwoo
THANK YOU FOR COOPERATING.
ELIE IS...
...IN CUSTODY.
boop
HUH?
WHAT DO THEY MEAN, THEY'VE GOT HER?


THAT'S HER? THAT'S ELIE?
NOT BAD, RIGHT?
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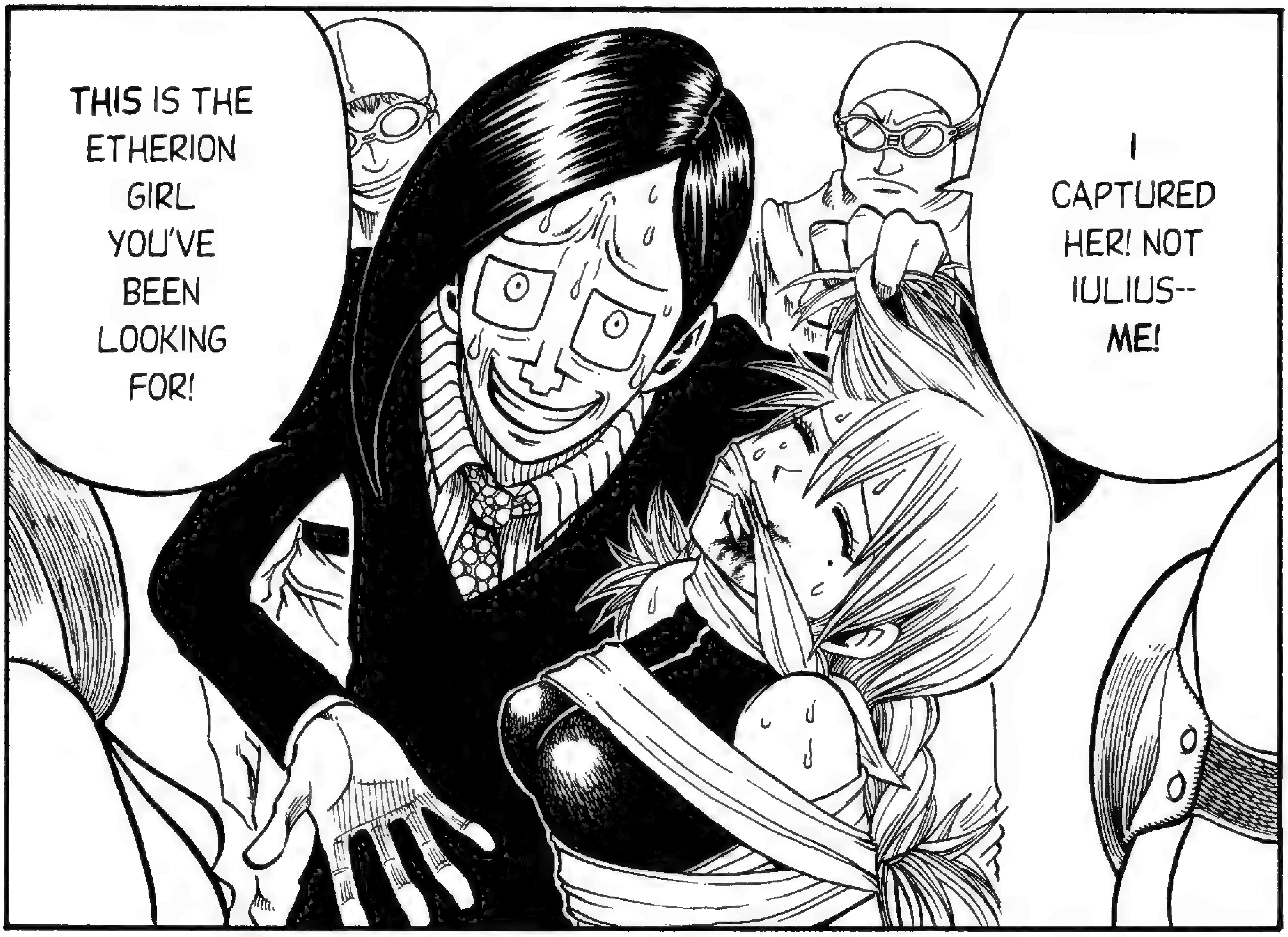
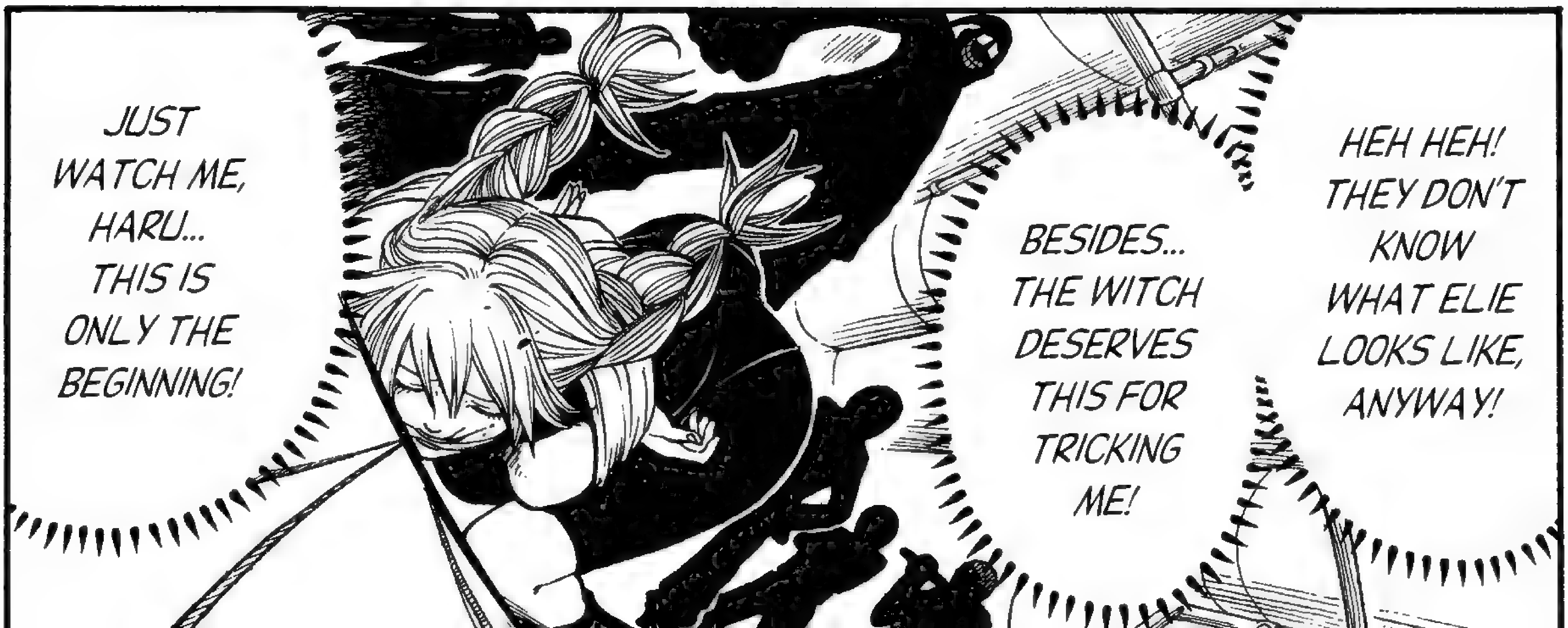
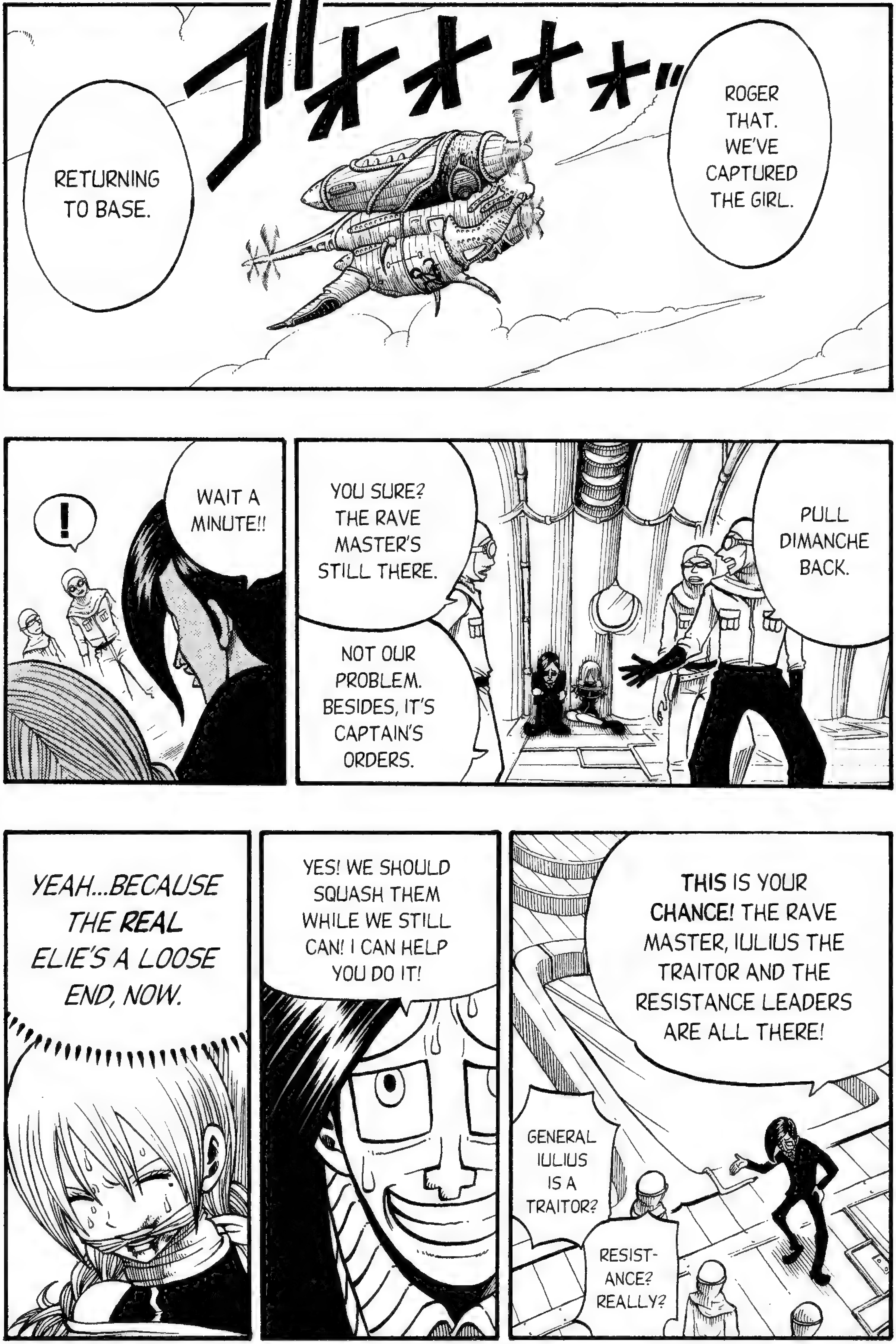

I CAPTURED HER! NOT IULIUS-- ME!
THIS IS THE ETHERION GIRL YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!


HEH HEH! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT ELIE LOOKS LIKE, ANYWAY!
BESIDES... THE WITCH DESERVES THIS FOR TRICKING ME!
JUST WATCH ME, HARU... THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

RAVE MASTER™
DOVE PLACE
MUSCLE MUSEUM
MEAT PARK
KAPPA FOREST
HEART KREUZ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ROGER THAT. WE'VE CAPTURED THE GIRL.
RETURNING TO BASE.
PULL DIMANCHE BACK.
YOU SURE? THE RAVE MASTER'S STILL THERE.
NOT OUR PROBLEM. BESIDES, IT'S CAPTAIN'S ORDERS.
!
WAIT A MINUTE!!
THIS IS YOUR **CHANCE!** THE RAVE MASTER, IULIUS THE TRAITOR AND THE RESISTANCE LEADERS ARE ALL THERE!
GENERAL IULIUS IS A TRAITOR?
RESISTANCE? REALLY?
YES! WE SHOULD SQUASH THEM WHILE WE STILL CAN! I CAN HELP YOU DO IT!
*YEAH...BECAUSE THE **REAL** ELIE'S A LOOSE END, NOW.*

RAVE:188 ✚ BRANCH'S AMBITION

THAT MONSTER PRESENTS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR COVERING UP EVIDENCE!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!!!
NO, I'M NOT! BG HAS THAT RESISTANCE GIRL! THAT CREEP BRANCH MUST'VE OFFERED HER UP AS ELIE!
WHY'D HE DO THAT?!
He's huge!
Whoa!
Is it dead?
IT'S REVENGE FOR TRICKING HIM, I'D WAGER.
DO YOU HAVE PROOF?
THERE'RE WITNESSES WHO SAW BRANCH TAKE HER ONBOARD THE SHIP.

THEN... SOMEONE'S IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF ME?
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
I-I SHOULD'VE BEEN WATCHING HER CLOSER!
ENOUGH TALK-- LET'S MOVE!!
WE'VE GOTTA SAVE WHAT'S-HER-FACE!
CHOOM

EH?
A QUAKE?
THE MILLENNIUM TREE!
WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!
THAT WASN'T THE DEAL!
THE MONSTER'S MOVING AGAIN!
WIPE THEM ALL OFF THE FACE OF THE PLANET!!
THAT'S RIGHT! DESTROY IT ALL!!
AHHH!!
DID IT JUST... TALK?

HA HA HA HA HA !!!
HEY, YOU JERK! NO TURNING ON THE SPEAKERS WITHOUT PERMISSION!
DIMANCHE CAN HANDLE THIS. LET'S GO!
BRANCH, YOU SNAKE!!
DEFINITELY SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM.
HARU, MUSICA! YOU HAVE TO FOCUS IF WE'RE TO WIN!
RIGHT!!

ALLOW US TO ASSIST!
WE'LL PROTECT THE VILLAGE!
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BUT YOU'RE WAY TOO OLD!
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ARGH!
TAKE THAT!
CRETIN!
BEAST!
YEEEAH... THIS KINDA HURTS TO WATCH.
FEH. I LIKE MEN WITH DRIVE.
ブアッ
YEEEE!!
WHO CALLED IT?!
FORWARD, MEN!
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WE'LL HELP YOU FIGHT!!
NO STUPID, ROTTING MONSTER CAN TAKE RIBEYLA DOWN!!
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NOT GOOD--!!
THE WOLF'S ABOUT TO HUFF AND PUFF AGAIN! EVERYBODY RUN!
LOOK OUT! IT'S AIMING FOR THE VILLAGE!
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HEY, KID!
コ!
GET OUTTA THERE!
I'M NOT SCARED! AND I WON'T RUN!
I'LL PROTECT THE VILLAGE AND THE DANCING PRINCESS!

HE'S RIGHT!! WE CAN'T PULL BACK NOW!!
THE VILLAGE MUST STAND AS ONE!!
オオオオオオ
YEP. THIS IS GETTING A WEE BIT OUT OF HAND...
LOOK, WE GET THAT YOU'RE **BRAVE**--BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO **RUN**, NOW!
WE ALREADY FLED AND BETRAYED MISS ELIE ONCE BEFORE!
WE WON'T TURN OUR BACKS ON HER EVER AGAIN!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!
FOR THE PRINCESS...FOR THE VILLAGE!! WE'LL DIE IF WE HAVE TO!!

NOW WHAT? THAT THING'S GONNA SUCK 'EM IN!
THEY'RE BEING TOTALLY UNREASONABLE.
MIGHT I REMIND YOU OF THE RUNNING?
I'LL CUT IT WITH RUNE SAVE!!
GRAB
WHAT? WITH THIS ARM?
OW!!
WHA...? LET... HOW'D YOU KNOW?
INCOMING!!

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Mint
!!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--?!
WHEN DID SHE GET THERE?!
ELIE?!
PRINCESS, STAND BACK!
YOU'RE MORE PRECIOUS THAN WE ARE!
PRECIOUS? TO ME... YOU'RE ALL... YOU'RE ALL **EXTREMELY PRECIOUS.**
THIS IS A VILLAGE OF GOOD MEMORIES... MEMORIES I'LL NEVER FORGET...

I NEED AS MANY MEMORIES AS I CAN GET!!!
SO I WON'T LET ANYBODY TAKE THIS ONE AWAY FROM ME!!!
ELIE!!!
ゴッ
LOOK OUT!!!
WHAT ...?!

YURLUNGUR?!
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WHY IS YURLUNGUR?
HUH?!
IT'S PROTECTING US!
THE SNAKE HAS BEEN CHARMED—JUST LIKE IT WAS WITH LADY RESHA!
IT REMEMBERS THE PRINCESS?!
IT ACTUALLY EMERGED TO PROTECT THE **NEW** PRINCESS!

TIME... IT IS LINKED.
THE TWO DANCING PRINCESSES... ARE 50 YEARS APART...BUT YET THEY SAVED US!!

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COOL ...
THE SNAKE'S GOING HOME, POYO.
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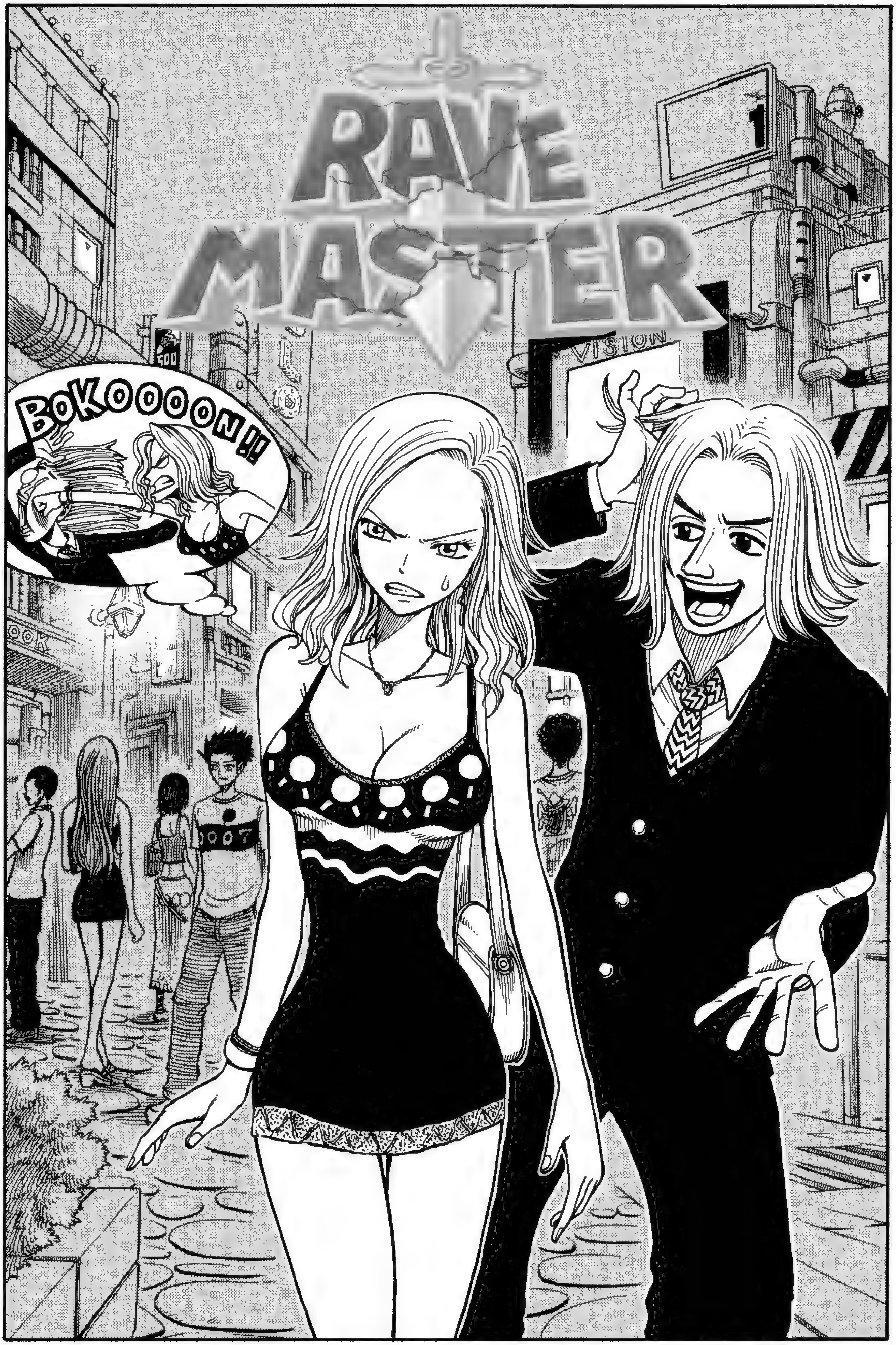
ズズズ...
WELL...IT **DID** MAKE A MESS HERE BEFORE, APPARENTLY.

WAIT!!
ピクッ
WE HAVE TO CATCH A PLANE, MR. SNAKE!
DO YOU THINK WE COULD RIDE YOU?
コクッ
NOD
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OKAY!
YOU'RE INSANE.
ELIE'S RIGHT-- WE'VE GOTTA SAVE THAT GIRL FROM BRANCH.
AND WE'RE RUNNING OUTTA TIME.

MOUNT UP, GUYS!!!
WE'VE GOT A BLUE GUARDIANS' SHIP TO CATCH!!!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RAVE: 189 ✚ GATEWAY TO HELL?!

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MUSICA...WE DON'T MIND YOU COMING... BUT YOU'RE INJURED. YOU CAN'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD. THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, HARU.
OH...I GET IT. YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE OF THAT GIRL, HUH? HEH HEH...

IT'S NOT THAT.
IT'S JUST...
...I'M GETTIN' THAT FEELING AGAIN.
THAT LIFE'S TOO SHORT.
I'M NOT LETTING THIS GO, EITHER!
I CAN'T JUST LET SOMEONE GET HURT JUST FOR ME!

DON'T WORRY, GUYS...
WE'LL SAVE HER-- I PROMISE!
IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST THAT SHUDA AND EVERMARY STAYED BACK.
EVERMARY CAN'T FIGHT, POYO.
ALTHOUGH... NEITHER CAN I...
SHUDA NEEDS TO TAKE IT EASY.
BUT I'M SURE HE'LL HEAL FAST.
WE CAN HANDLE THIS OURSELVES.
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BESIDES... WE'RE JUST SAVING ONE GIRL. HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

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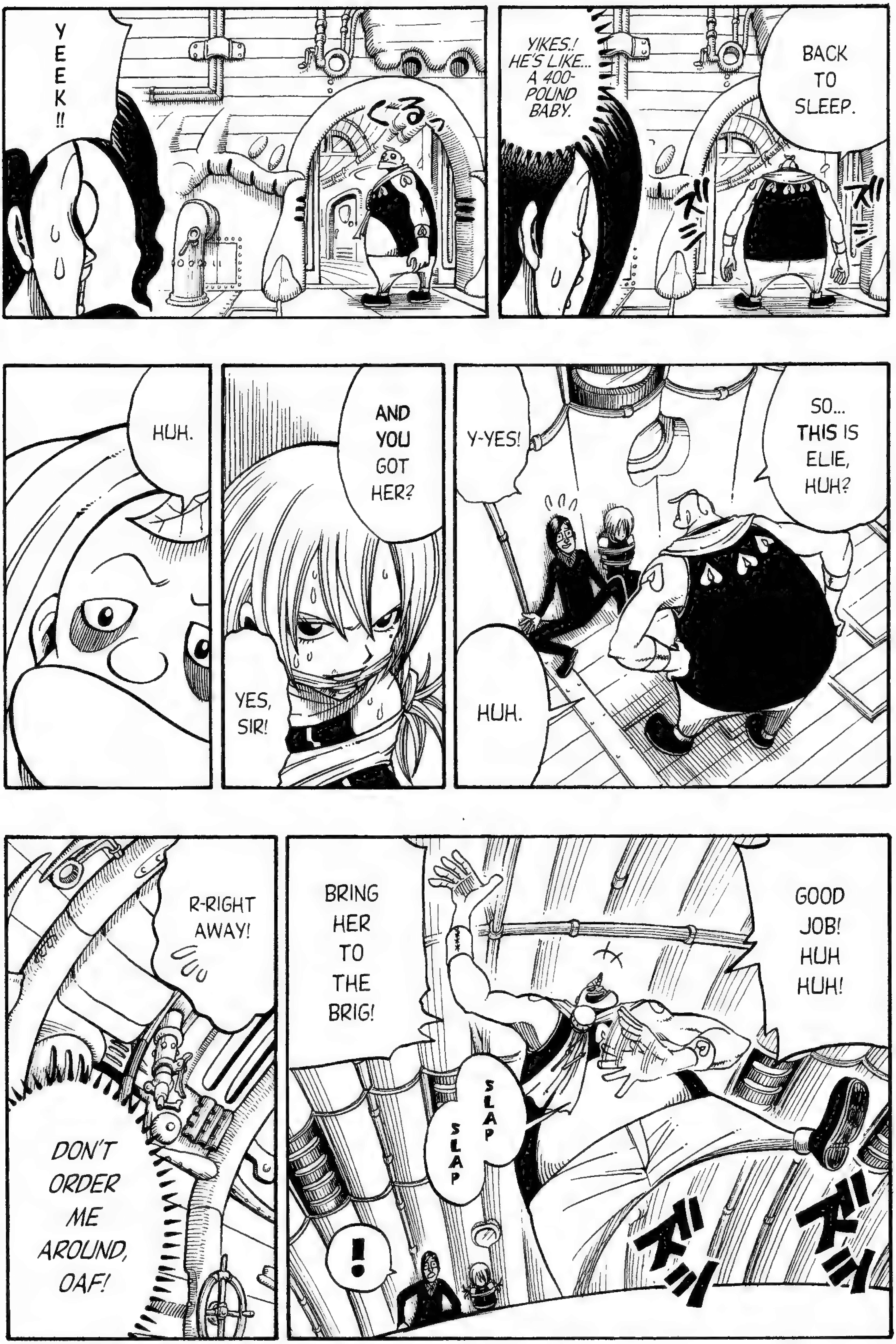
YAAWN!!
SIR SEAN!
WHEW... ON THE GOOD SLEEP SCALE? A SOLID NINE.
!
SCRATCH
SO...WE'RE NOT AT RIBEYLA YET?
NO. ER...WE ALREADY CAUGHT ELIE, SO WE'RE ON OUR WAY BACK.
OH. OKAY.
Blue Guardians Member--Sean Vivera


BACK TO SLEEP.
ズン
ズン
YIKES.! HE'S LIKE... A 400-POUND BABY.
くるっ
YEEK!!
SO... **THIS** IS ELIE, HUH?
Y-YES!
HUH.
AND YOU GOT HER?
YES, SIR!
HUH.
GOOD JOB! HUH HUH!
BRING HER TO THE BRIG!
SLAP
SLAP
ズン
ズン
!
R-RIGHT AWAY!
DON'T ORDER ME AROUND, OAF!

MMPH!
HA HA HA!! YOU'RE PATHETIC, E-ELIE!!
HOW DARE YOU TRICK ME!
YOU'RE GETTING WHAT YOU--
HEEEY!!!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

DON'T PLAY GAMES.
THAT GIRL'S NOT ELIE.
Y-YOU KNEW?! I M-MEAN...
I J-JUST....
mother..
PLEASE!!
DON'T, SIR!!
I AM NOT AMUSED.
Pretty please! With sugar on top!

HOW ABOUT I CRUSH YOUR HEAD?
NO!
A-AH!
I KNOW THAT GIRL, YOU SILLY.
SHE'S NAGISA ANSECTO.
THE CHILD OF YUMA--THE RESISTANCE LEADER.
HUH?!
AND I JUST WOKE UP. OKAY, YOU GET ONE CHANCE.
GAH!
IT H-HURTS... AGH!
SHE'D BETTER REVEAL WHERE THE RESISTANCE HIDEOUT IS.

I WANT PUT AN END TO THOSE STUPID GUERILLAS IN ONE SWAT.
Hah
SO MAKE HER TALK. OKAY, MONKEY BOY?
Hah
Hah
Hah
GET HER TO SPILL IT BY END OF NAPTIME OR I'LL KILL YA, BUT GOOD.
AND IF SHE DIES, I KILL YA. KEY WORDS HERE? I'LL KILL YA.
ズシ
ズシ
SWEET BABY CORN...!
TH-THIS SHOULDN'T B-BE TOO DIFFICULT...! IN F-FACT... THIS IS...
にたぁ～..

...PERFECT!!!
NNGH!!
I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO POUND ON YOU!
I COULD CARE LESS WHO YOU ARE!
YOU WRONGED ME--AND THAT'S ENOUGH!
HEY... NAGISA-BABY...
THINK I'LL LEAVE THE GAG IN SO YOU CAN'T KILL YOURSELF.
JUST WINK AT ME TWICE IF YOU FEEL LIKE TALKING, OKAY? FANTASTIC.

ACK!!
Fsh
ガシャ
Y-YOU LITTLE--
TOO SOFT... YES.
WHAT'S A KID DOING HERE?!
ガシャ
USE THESE, YES.
ガシャ
WHA-?!
ゴト

B-BUT... THESE ARE SO... NASTY.
I CAN'T USE THESE!
IT'S SIMPLE... YES.
DON'T KILL HER.
Yes.
OR... WE'LL USE THEM ON YOU, YES.
YEEK!!
SEAN'S AWAKE, YES.
......
I...HAVE NO CHOICE!
I-I HAVE TO DO IT!
Huff
ガタ
ガタ
ガタ
ガタ

どかっ
POO. I CAN'T SLEEP NOW.
BACK TO RIBEYLA.
TERRIBLY SORRY, SIR!
CREAK
NOT NEEDED, I THINK... YES.
HUH?
SIR KOALA!
YES... ELIE IS COMING TO US. WITH THE RAVE MASTER, YES.
THEY'RE INFILTRATING THE SHIP AS WE SPEAK, YES.
WHAT?!
Blue Guardians Member-- Koala

GOOD. WE'LL GET BOTH ELIE AND NAGISA, HUH?
YES... BUT WHY COME? TO SAVE NAGISA? YES.
カッ
カッ
カッ
カッ
WHAT ABOUT YOUR BELOVED DIMANCHE? Yes.
BAH. WE'LL JUST FIND 'EM FIRST.
A WELCOMING PARTY, EH? COOL! LET 'EM ALL IN!
SIR?
WELCOME PARTY? YES.
YEAH. YOU KNOW...
...AS IN WE'LL WELCOME 'EM TO HELL. HAW!
KILL EVERYONE BUT ELIE.
YES... FUN.
BLUSH
IN HELL, THE MORE THE MERRIER. Yes.

!!
UM... S-SIR?!
THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!!
PSSH
THE JIG'S UP!! GIVE BACK THE GIRL!!!

THE RAVE MASTER!
HE'S ACTUALLY ON THE SHIP!
?
AND THAT GUY BEAT GENERAL JEGAN!
I CAN SEE YOU'VE BEEN EXPECTING US.
GUESS WE WEREN'T STEALTHY AS WE THOUGHT.
ODD... YES. SEVERAL LIFE SIGNS SHORT, YES.
DON'T WORRY, EVERYBODY. THEY WON'T FIND THE BRIG THAT EASILY.
YES... THOUGH THEY'RE VERY CLOSE.
BEEP
BEEP

Sniff...
Sniff...
ダッ
THIS WAY!!
JUST HOLD ON, GIRL!
I'M COMING FOR YOU!
てくてくてく
STRAIGHT FOR THE BRIG, YES.
I'LL GO. THE REAL ELIE IS WITH THEM... YES.
FINE. WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, I'LL MUNCH ON THESE TWO. HUH HUH!

JUST WHAT'RE YOU AFTER? WHY GO AFTER ELIE?
I DUNNO WHAT THE CAP'N'S THINKING. WE USED TO HATE DEMON CARD.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT THE CAP'N **WANTS**, THE CAP'N **GETS**.
THAT'S THE RULE.
ヒョオォォォ
ヒョオオオオオ
US GUYS LIVE TO SERVE HIM.

US GUYS ARE THE BLUE GUARDIANS!!!
ド
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?!
WHAT HAPPENED, POYO?!
PUUN!!
MASTER HARU!!!

Q & A CORNER

Q. So...Evermary says he's lived "70 years" in Vol. 20, but his profile says he's 64 years-old.

(Mizuho Tanaka – Miyagi Prefecture)

A. No way! Uh...yes way. What to do, what to do...eh, doesn't matter. I think that's what Evermary would say.

Q. Who's the chick on the cover of vol. 21?!

(Super Drill – Aichi Prefecture and others)

A. I already said it in the magazine, but that's Elie. She'd look like that with makeup on. Sorry– I won't do it again.

Q. Why does Lazenby have four arms?

(Kotetsu – Fukushima Prefecture and others)

A. The bottom pair are accessories. He's a regular person, not a Sentenoid.

Q. I figured out that the Dragon Dancers are Let and Julia.

(Sazabizu – Shimane Prefecture **AND MANY OTHERS!**)

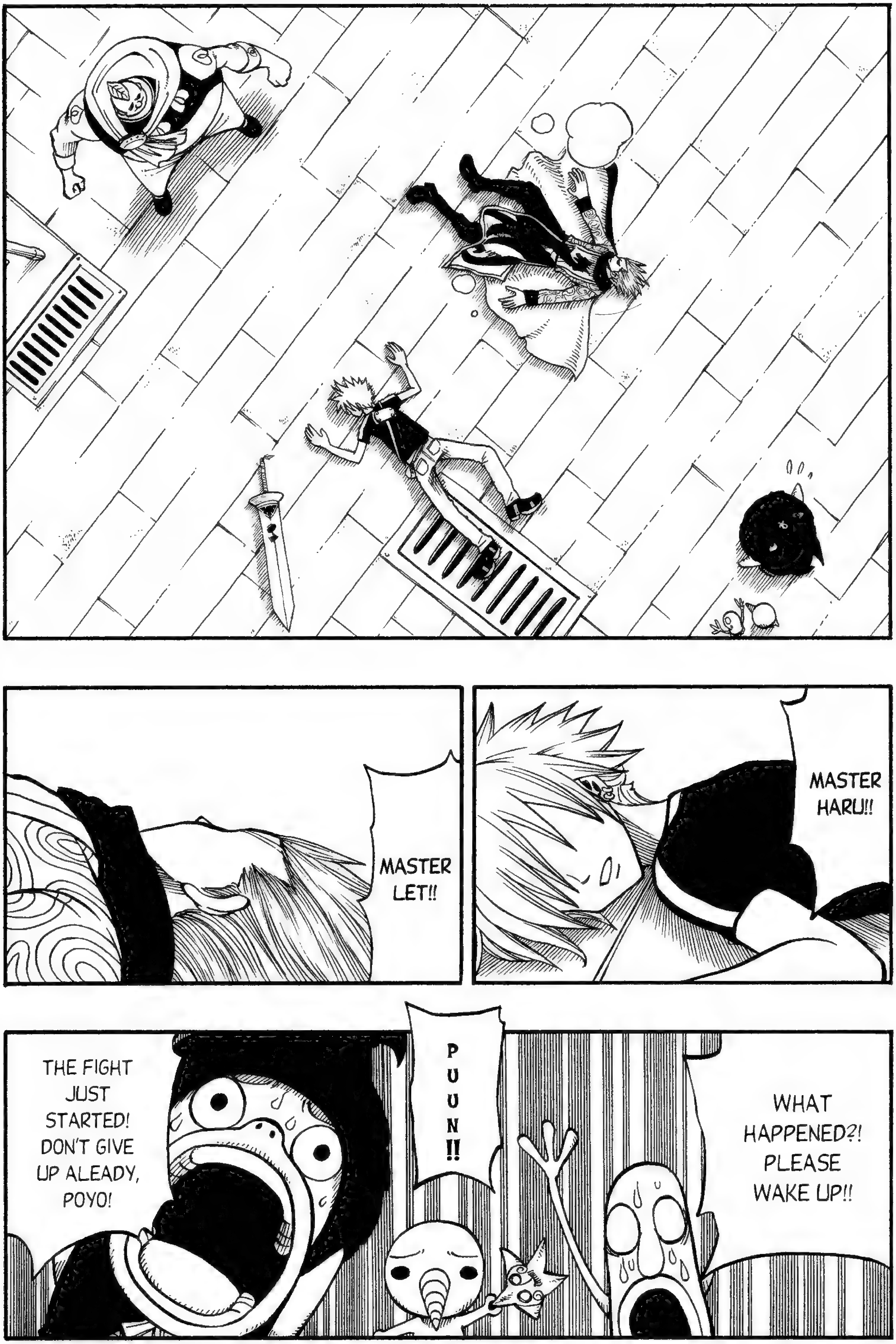
A. . . . .

Q. Hey, make a "Fairy Tale" volume!

(Keigo Kimura – Shizuoka Prefecture and others)

A. Lots of people are asking for this, so it'll probably happen eventually. Oh, yeah! I was working on other pre-Rave stuff besides "Fairy Tales," too. So keep those hopes up!

RAVE MASTER


MASTER HARU!!
MASTER LET!!
WHAT HAPPENED?! PLEASE WAKE UP!!
PUUN!!
THE FIGHT JUST STARTED! DON'T GIVE UP ALEADY, POYO!

RAVE:190 LIFE OR DEATH?

THIS ISN'T A TIME TO NAP!!
IT'S NOT! NOT THE TIME!
SEE? THIS IS MY DB, **DUX DORMIR.**
IT'S GOT THE **POWER** OF **SLEEP.**
WHAT?! A SLEEP DARK BRING?!
SEE, IT'S EASIER TO HURT PEOPLE WHEN THEY SLEEP.
GRAB
STRENGTH'S NO GOOD IF YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO USE IT.

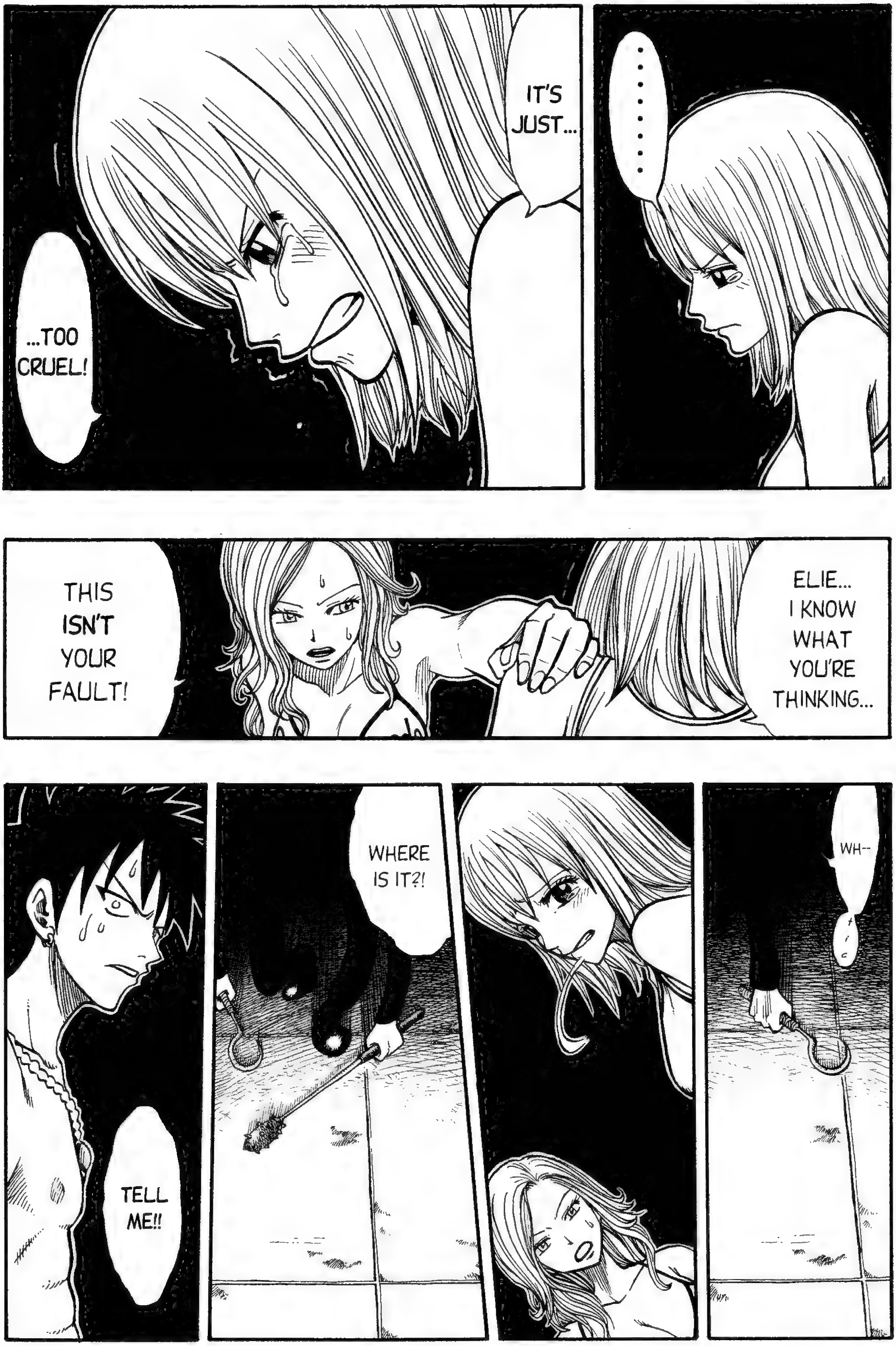
THAT BEAST-MAN IS GOING TO CRUSH US, POYO!
MASTER HARU, PLEASE! PLEASE WAKE UP!
ギリ
ギリ
NOPE. SLEEP SPELLS LAST SEVEN HOURS.
THEY WON'T WAKE UP 'TIL THEN.
パッ
BUT I WON'T EVEN LET 'EM!
ズウゥゥゥゥゥー
YOU CAN WAKE UP IN HELL.

NIGHTY-NIGHT!!!
MASTER LET! WAKE UP!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT, POYO!
SHAD-DUP.
ぐみゃあっ
YOUR HEART BEATS WHEN YOU SLEEP.
BADUMP
BADUMP
WHEN HIS HEART STOPS, I'LL JUST EAT YOU.
'KAY?

THIS IS IT.
IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE.
I SMELL BLOOD.
BLOOD AND...
カリカリガチッ
HM...
ガチャ
すっ
THE SCENT OF SOMEONE ELSE.
GOT IT.
ギイイイイ

Hah
Hah
SHE'S STILL ALIVE!
HANG IN THERE, GIRL!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
……

WHAT KIND OF MONSTER DID THIS?!
SHE WAS NO ANGEL, FOR SURE--BUT **NOBODY** DESERVES TO BE TREATED LIKE **THIS**!!
IS IT THAT BAD?! LET ME SEE, J--
SWIPE
STAY BACK-- YOU'RE A BOY!
d!!
WE NEED TO FIND HER SOME CLOTHES!
WHO COULD **DO** SUCH A **THING**?!


......
IT'S JUST...
...TOO CRUEL!
ELIE... I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT!
WH--
tic
WHERE IS IT?!
TELL ME!!

Hah
WHERE'S THE HIDE-OUT?!
Huff
Huff
J-JUST TELL ME WHERE IT IS! HA HA!
Huff
WH-WHERE IS IT?!
Hah
BRANCH!!
YOU DID THIS?!
HIDEOUT? THEN THEY WANTED HER TO REVEAL THE RESISTANCE'S HEADQUARTERS...
SHE TOOK ALL THIS-- AND STILL DIDN'T TALK?!

TELL ME WHERE IT IS, LITTLE GIRL!!!
THEY'LL KILL ME IF YOU DON'T! SO TELL ME! TELL ME!!!
WAAAAAAAH!!
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ぶん
ぶん

erado

Huh
Hah
Hah
Huh
T... TELL

ブパァ
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
Guh ...
Hnh ...
IT'S HIGH TIME...

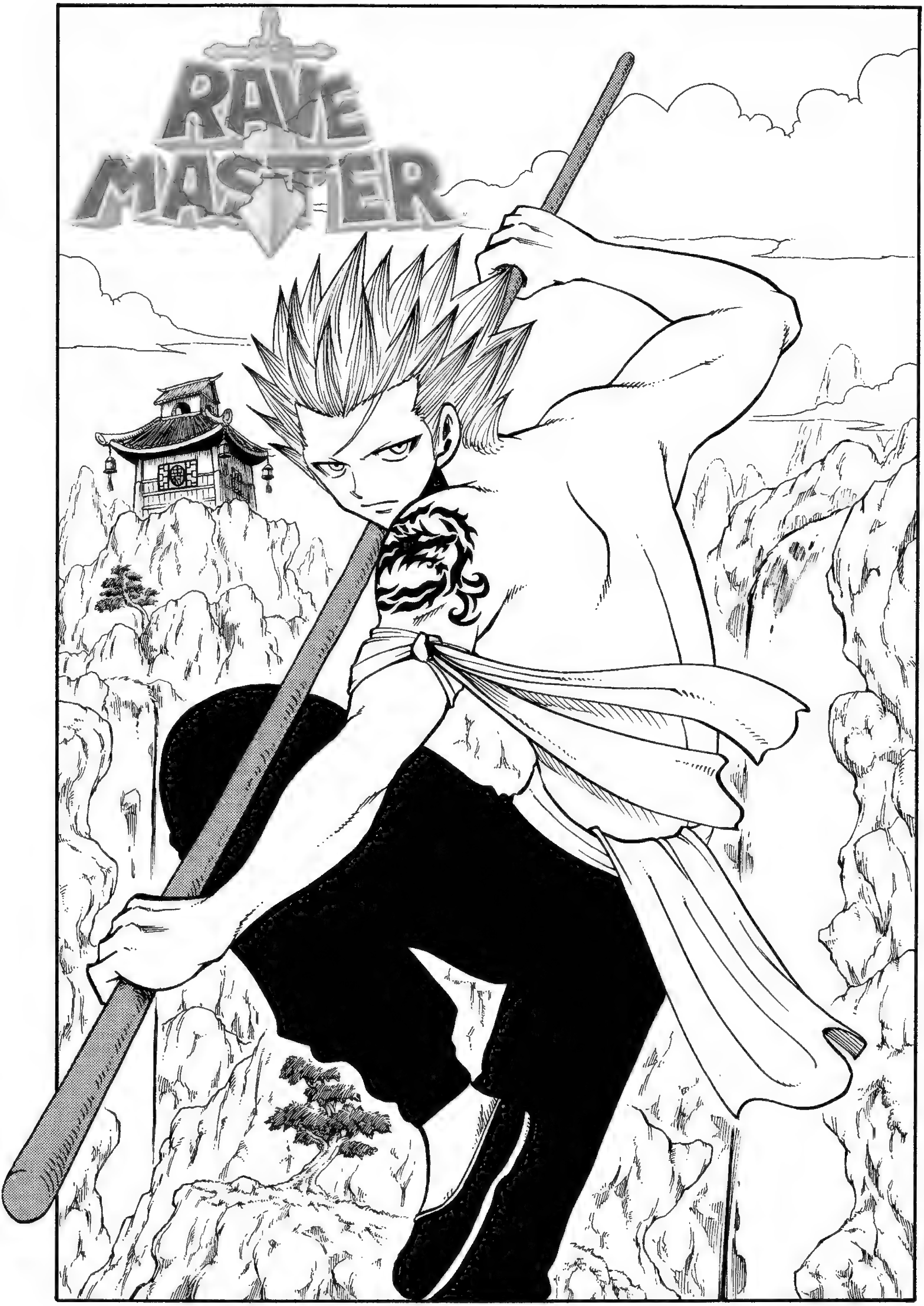
...YOU GOT SOME OF WHAT YOU GIVE, PSYCHO!!!

WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOU, MISS.
NOT EVEN YOUR NAME.
......
BUT PEOPLE ARE CRYING FOR YOU...
ANGRY FOR YOU...
HEH... P-PRETTY WEIRD FOR STRANGERS, HUH?
WELL... JUST KNOW...
...WE'RE **NOT** STRANGERS ANY LONGER.

ACQUAINTANCES GET LINKED TOGETHER.
EVERYONE ON THAT LINK BECOME PRECIOUS, YOU KNOW?
SOMEDAY, THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE LINKED.
ぐいっ
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...
...BUT DYING ISN'T AN OPTION.

THE POWER TO LIVE IS WITHIN YOU, GIRL.
ぶわぁっ

MM...
BLUE GUARDIANS... YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS...! I GUARANTEE IT!!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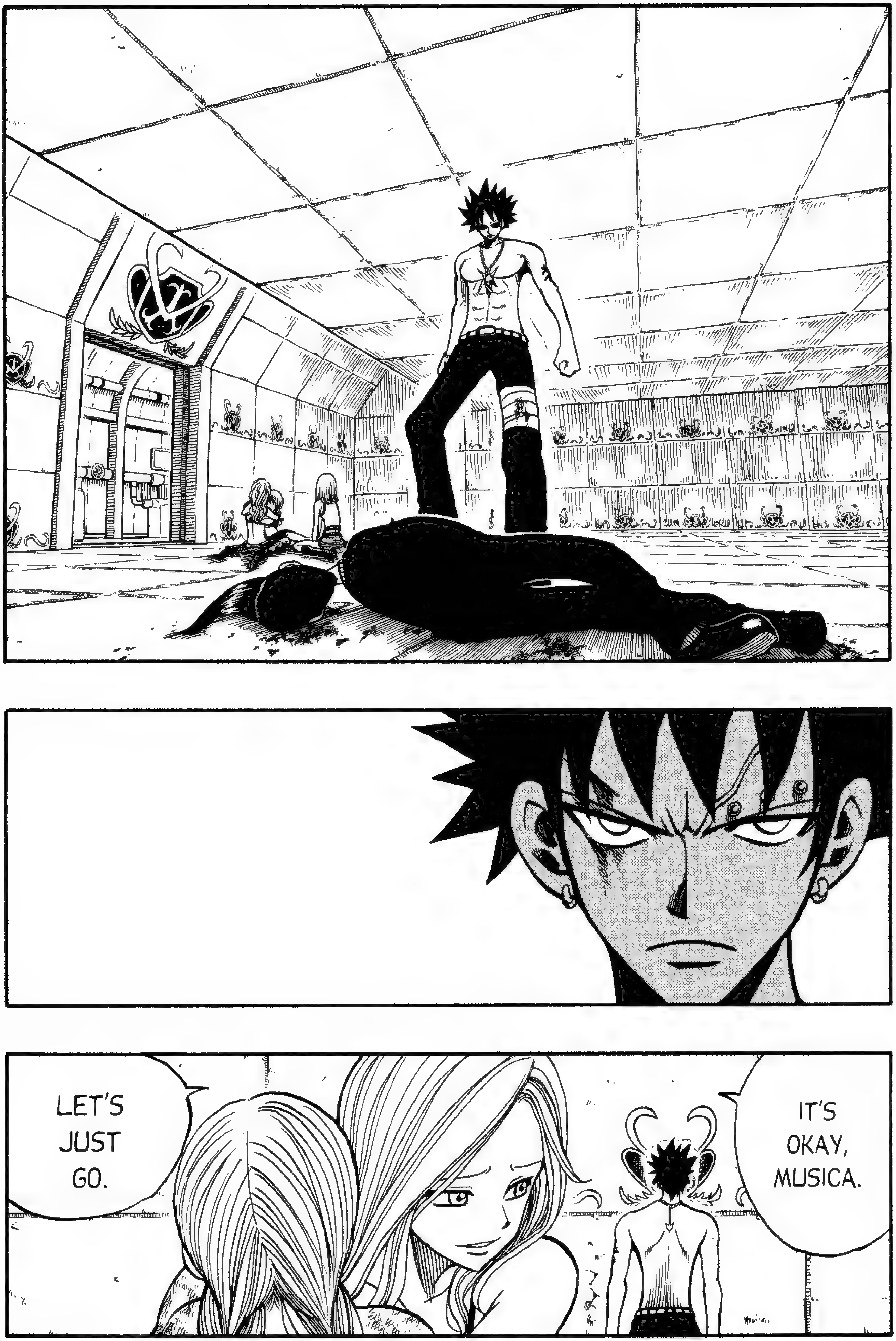
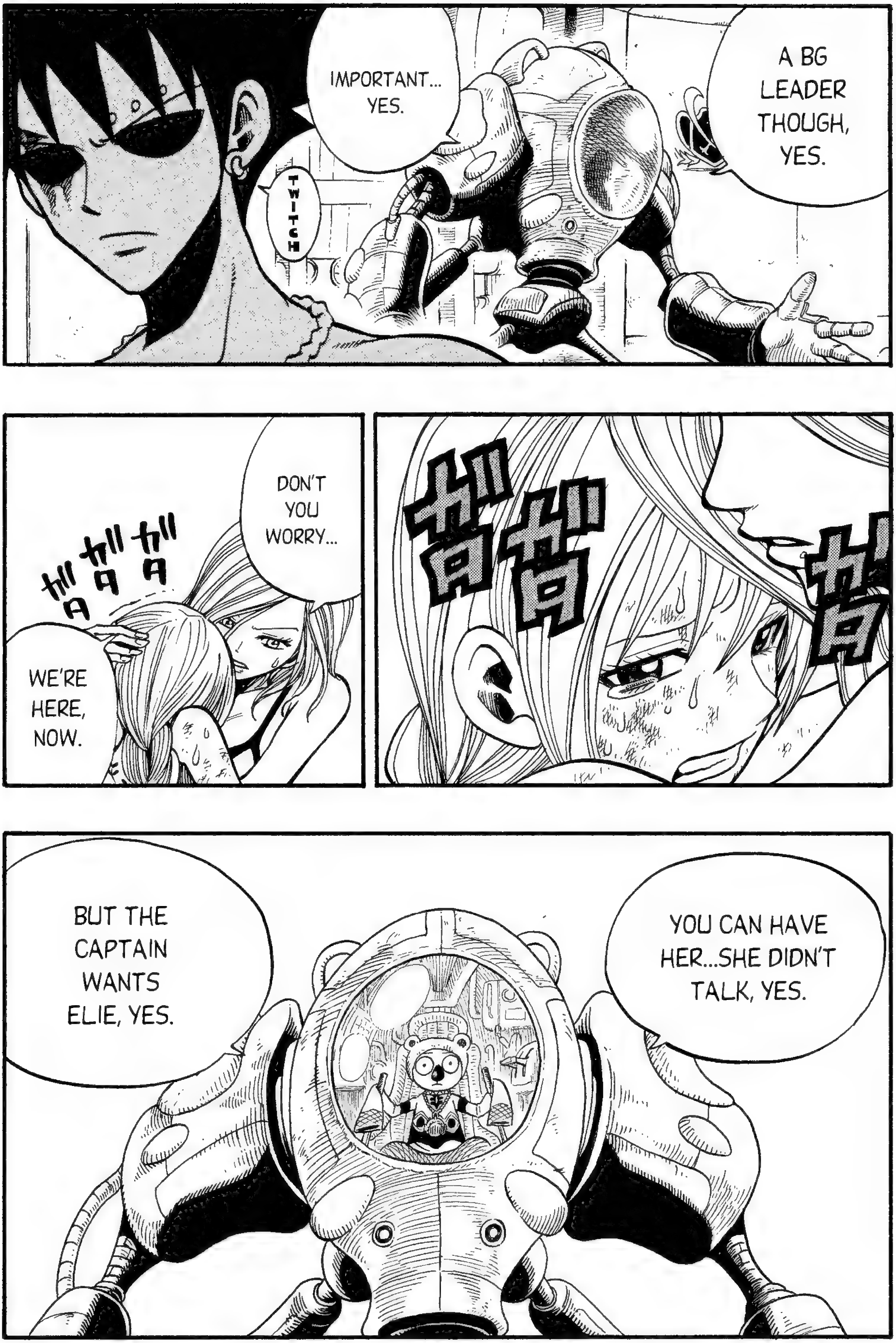
RAVE: 191 ✠ INVINCIBLE RAGE


IT'S OKAY, MUSICA.
LET'S JUST GO.

GO? WHERE?
ガリラッ
YOU WON'T ESCAPE, YES.
!
IS THAT A ROBOT?!
NO...I THINK IT'S A MECHANIZED SUIT!
KILL YOU... YES.
YES. SO MANY WEAPONS... WHICH ONE TO USE?
IT'S A LITTLE KID!


A BG LEADER THOUGH, YES.
IMPORTANT... YES.
TWITCH
ガタ ガタ ガタ
DON'T YOU WORRY...
ガタ ガタ ガタ
WE'RE HERE, NOW.
YOU CAN HAVE HER...SHE DIDN'T TALK, YES.
BUT THE CAPTAIN WANTS ELIE, YES.

SO YOU'RE THE ONE THAT PUT BRANCH UP TO THIS SICK TORTURE!!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU, YOU LITTLE MONSTER!
SICK? HOW?
THE MAN IS USELESS, YES.
MY METHODS ARE DIFFERENT... YES.
I WOULD TEAR OFF--
!!!

HOLY--!!
SIR KOALA!!
W-WE'D BETTER CALL SIR SEAN...
WE'RE TOAST IF WE DON'T!
CRAP! HE'S LOOKING RIGHT AT US!!
EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!!

PUNCH FIRST, DAMN THE CONSEQUENCES! THAT'S MEN FOR YOU!
LET'S CATCH UP!
NO! WE HAVE TO FIND A LIFEBOAT!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT!

THIS IS BAD, POYO! VERY BAD, POYO!!
MASTER HARU WILL NEVER SURVIVE!!
ドカァッ
Puun!
HUH HUH.

ズザッ
MM... YUMMY.
ONE MORE PUNCH...
...AND NO MORE RAVE MASTER.
ドオーン!!

Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
MASTER MUSICA!
Puuun!!
WE'RE SAVED, POYO!!
WHAT'S THIS? **ANOTHER** MUSCLE BOY?
ONE MORE'S OKAY. I'M STILL GONNA WIN.

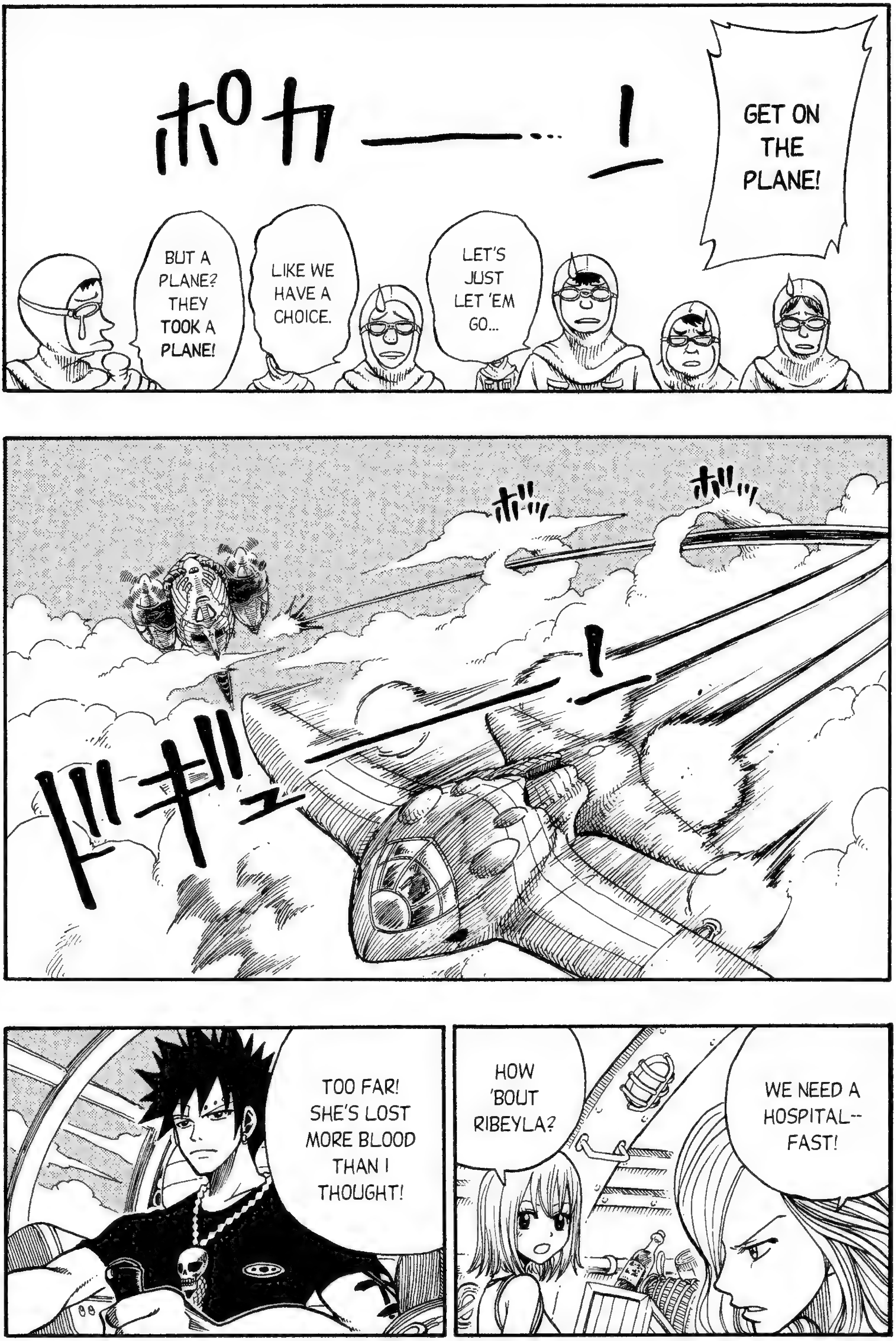
Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
IS HE... OKAY?
HE L-LOOKS SCARY, POYO.
TAKE THIS!! DUX DORMIR!!!
ブオオオオ
NOO!! MASTER MUSICA!! DON'T BREATHE IT IN!!
IT'LL PUT YOU TO SLEEP, POYO!!
ブアアア

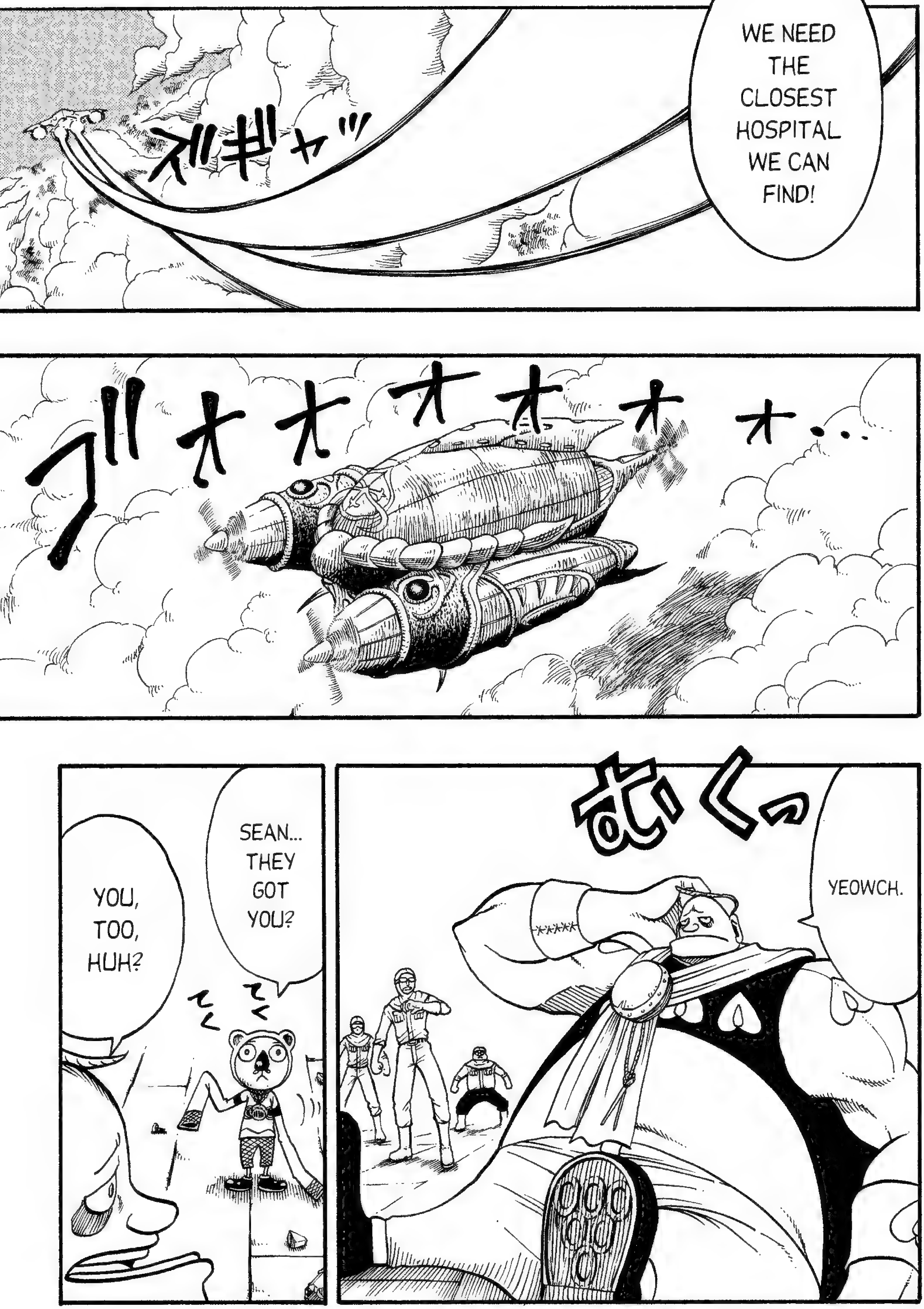
ガくっ
HAW HAW HAW! THAT'S RIGHT, LITTLE BABY! IT'S TIME FOR NIGHT-NIGHT!
ヨロ
ヨロッ
ぐっ
!!

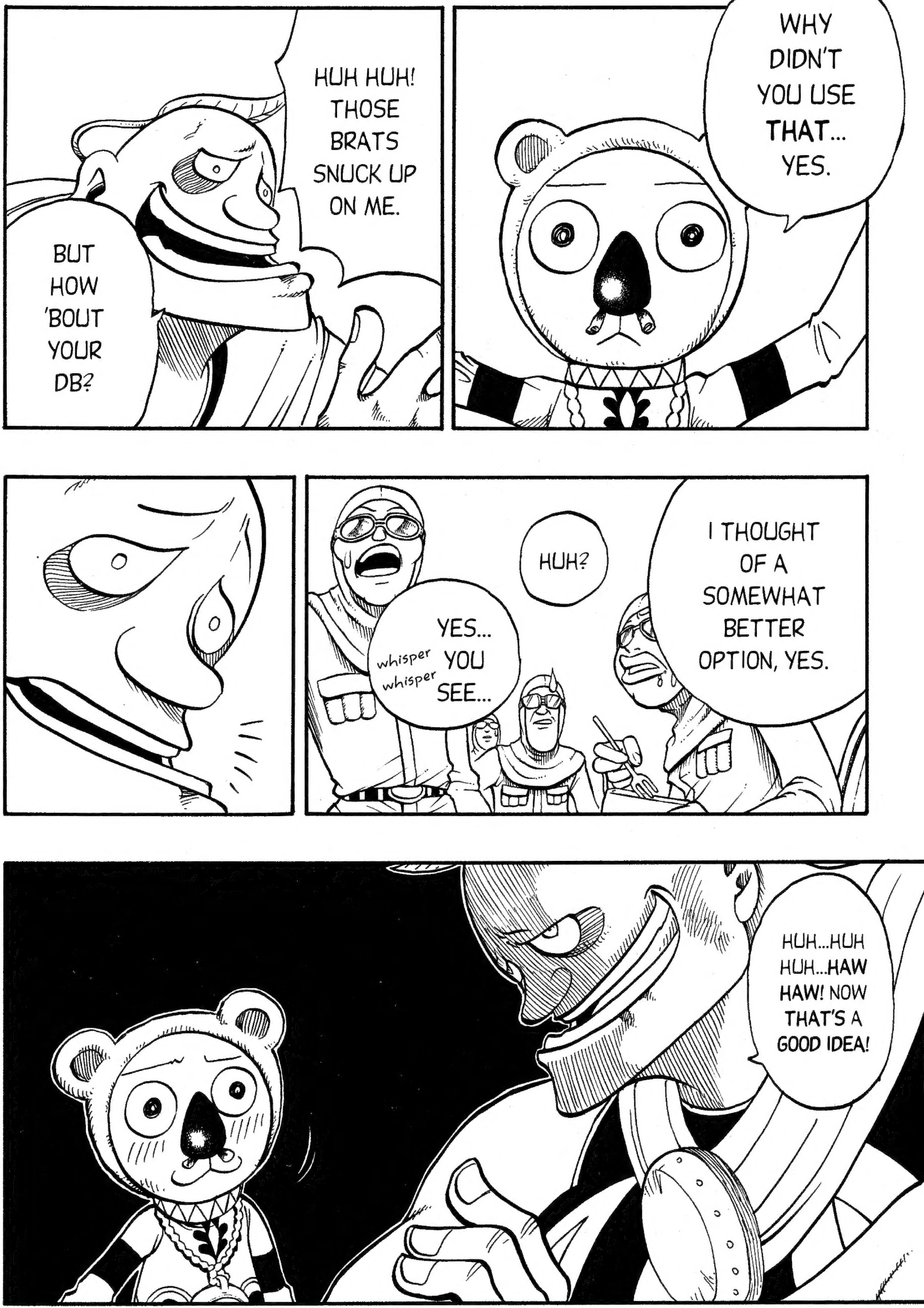
SORRY, CHUCKLES-- BUT I'VE NEVER FELT MORE AWAKE IN MY LIFE.
BUT YOU, YOU BASTARD-- YOU'RE ABOUT TO TAKE A DIRT NAP.
WHA--?! NUH-UH! YOU CAN'T--

I CAN!!!

SKIP
SKIP
ドカッ
Haaah!
Haaah!
Haaah!
Haaah!
MUSICA! WE FOUND A PLANE! GET YOUR BUTT OVER HERE SO WE CAN GO!
WHAT? TALK ABOUT LAZY...!
ER, YOU SEE...


GET ON THE PLANE!
ポカーー…！
BUT A PLANE? THEY TOOK A PLANE!
LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE.
LET'S JUST LET 'EM GO...
ボッ
ボッ
ドギュー！
WE NEED A HOSPITAL--FAST!
HOW 'BOUT RIBEYLA?
TOO FAR! SHE'S LOST MORE BLOOD THAN I THOUGHT!


WE NEED THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL WE CAN FIND!
ズギャッ
ブオオオオオォ…
むくっ
YEOWCH.
SEAN... THEY GOT YOU?
てく てく
YOU, TOO, HUH?


HUH HUH! THOSE BRATS SNUCK UP ON ME.
BUT HOW 'BOUT YOUR DB?
WHY DIDN'T YOU USE **THAT**... YES.
I THOUGHT OF A SOMEWHAT BETTER OPTION, YES.
HUH?
YES... YOU SEE...
whisper whisper
HUH...HUH HUH...**HAW HAW!** NOW THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

TO BE CONTINUED

RAVE0077

Levin Minds the House #19 - Nakajima Beam

WANT TO SEE THE NAKAJIMA BEAM, LEVIN?
NAKAJIMA BEAM?
Y-YOU CAN DO THAT?!
IN, OUT, IN...NOW WATCH.
HERE WE GO...!
NAKAJIMA BEEEEEAM!!!
ビュビュッ
THAT'S SNOT!!!
SNOT... FLOWER? FLOWER SNOT?
WHATEVER!!!
ビュビュビュ
AND NAKAJIMA LASER!!
STOP IT! THAT'S SICK!
ビシャー
AH...!
ドパァッ
GAAAAH!!
I'M SORRY IT SMELLS SO POORLY...BUT IT ACTUALLY TASTES GREAT!
....
H-HEY...WANNA SEE THE LEVIN PUNCH AND THE LEVIN KICK?!
ゴゴゴ
OH, STOP...!

To Be Continued?

"AFTERWORDS!"

HIRO MASHIMA

Finally! I finished my housecleaning! Everything's so very, very clean! Still, cleaning gives me the feeling that I lost a lot of things in the process. I have tons of manga. My other junk was like a mountain! And my old manga scribbles... whoa! They really stink. I shall seal those so no assistant will ever gaze upon them. I'm talking things like, pre-debut stuff from my student days...pencil stuff. What was it about? Ah, adventure. I called it "BEGINNERS," and it was about the world's weakest swordsman setting out on a journey to make his parents notice him. En route, he befriends the world's weakest sorceress and the world's weakest dog (Plue) and survives by miraculous luck. Finally, in the midst of a chaotic battle, he befriends a swordsman, his first actual strong ally. But when he gets paired with the world's weakest dog (Plue), he can't do much. So--what does a super-weak party do from there? That's about where I ended it, actually. (^_^) But I bet THIS will surprise you...the really weak sorceress heroine's an amnesiac, and she has a scene where she charms this giant snake--just like Elie. She even has the same personality and hair. I mentioned before that I thought of Plue back in middle school, but jeez--Elie, too? I only realized it recently. (^_^)

By the way, there was a character like Let and a character like Tanchimo (the horse) in there, too. Hmm...progress?

Hiro MASHIMA.